
2.3 Settings

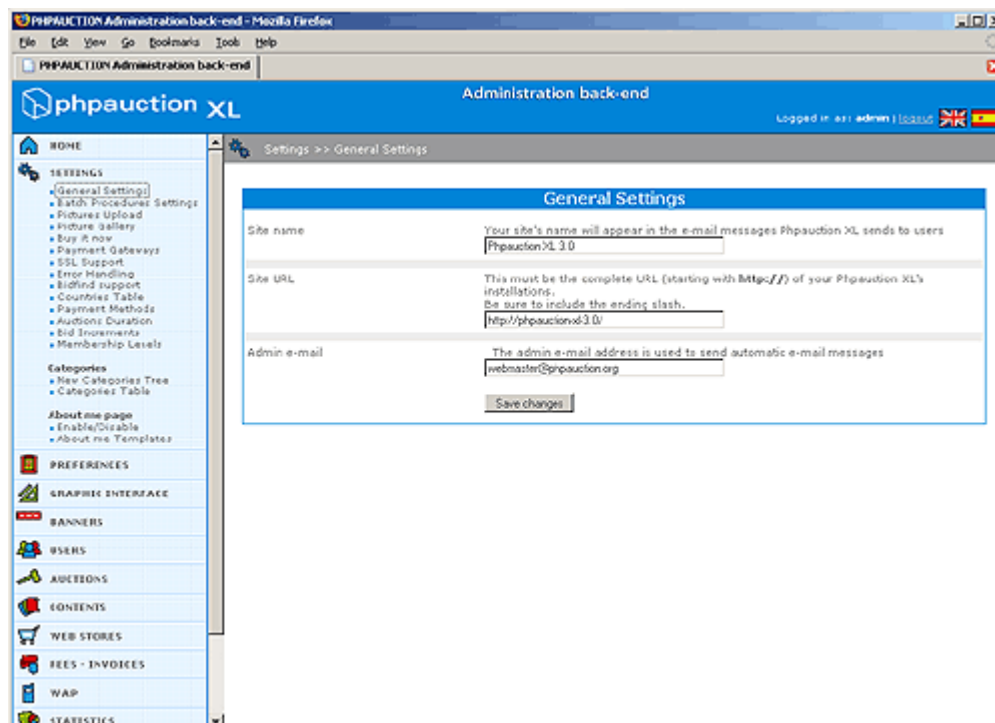
The settings section content the basic settings that rules your auction site such as site name, payment gateways definitions, categories and countries options, among others. Each subsection is defined below.

2.3.1 Settings

2.3.1.1 General Settings

Here is where you have to enter the basic information of your site:

- Site name: The name that appears at the web browser window and the sender of e-mails messages sent by phpAuction.
- Site url: The complete url where your auction is. Remember to include prefix "http://", directory name if applicable and the ending "/". For example `http://yourauction.com/path/to/phpAuction/`
- Administration e-mail: Sender's e-mail address of phpAuction's e-mail messages. This is consider the main administration user e-mail and the one that will receive all the e-mails and notifications.



2.3.1.2 Batch procedure settings

phpAuction needs to periodically run `cron.php` to close expired auctions and send notification e-mails to the seller and/or the winner. The recommended way to run `cron.php` is to set up a cronjob if you run a Unix/Linux server.

If for any reason you can't run a cronjob on your server, you can choose the Non-batch option below to

have cron.php run by phpAuction itself: in this case cron.php will be run each time someone access your home page.

According to the default in phpAuction's Settings, cron.php automatically deletes auctions older than 30 days.

Running cron as a cronjob

cron is an advanced processes scheduler included by default on any Unix/Linux distribution.

To run cron.php as a cronjob you first must be sure you have access to the crontab file on your server, in other words if you are entitled to set up a cron job on your server.

If you have root access to your server, it's very much like you have access to the crontab file.

If you are on a shared server and you are using cpanel to administrate your server, you have the ability to set up cronjob.

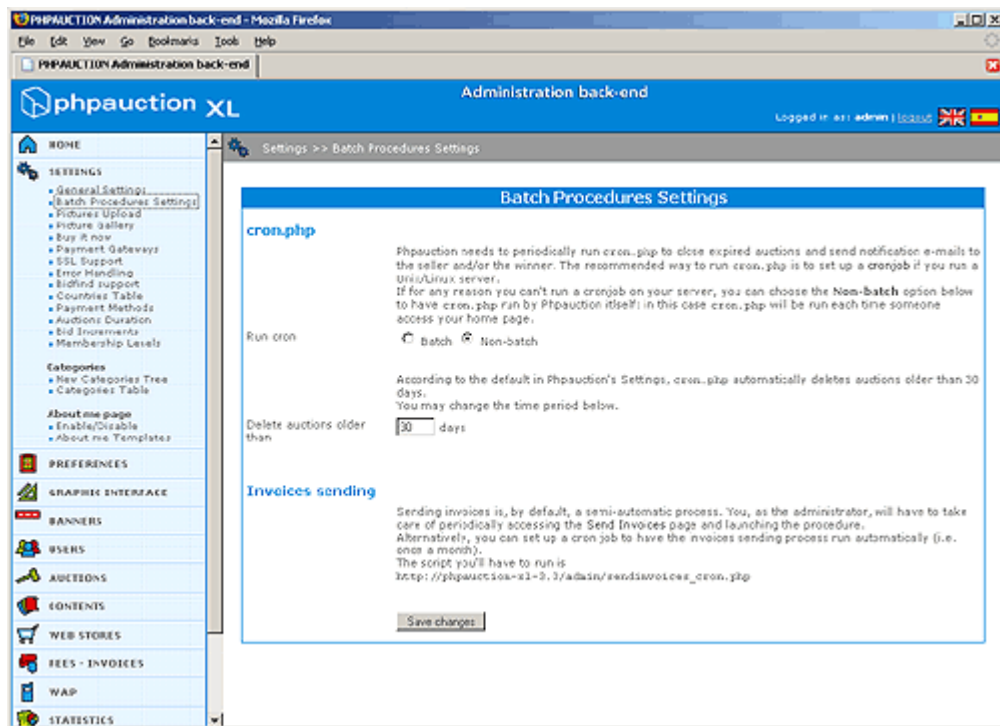
A good time interval to run cron.php is 10 minutes.

Invoices sending *

Sending invoices is, by default, a semi-automatic process. You, as the administrator, will have to take care of periodically accessing the Send Invoices page and launching the procedure.

Alternatively, you can set up a cronjob to have the invoices sending process run automatically (i.e. once a month).

The script you'll have to run is http://www.yoursite.com/admin/sendinvoices_cron.php

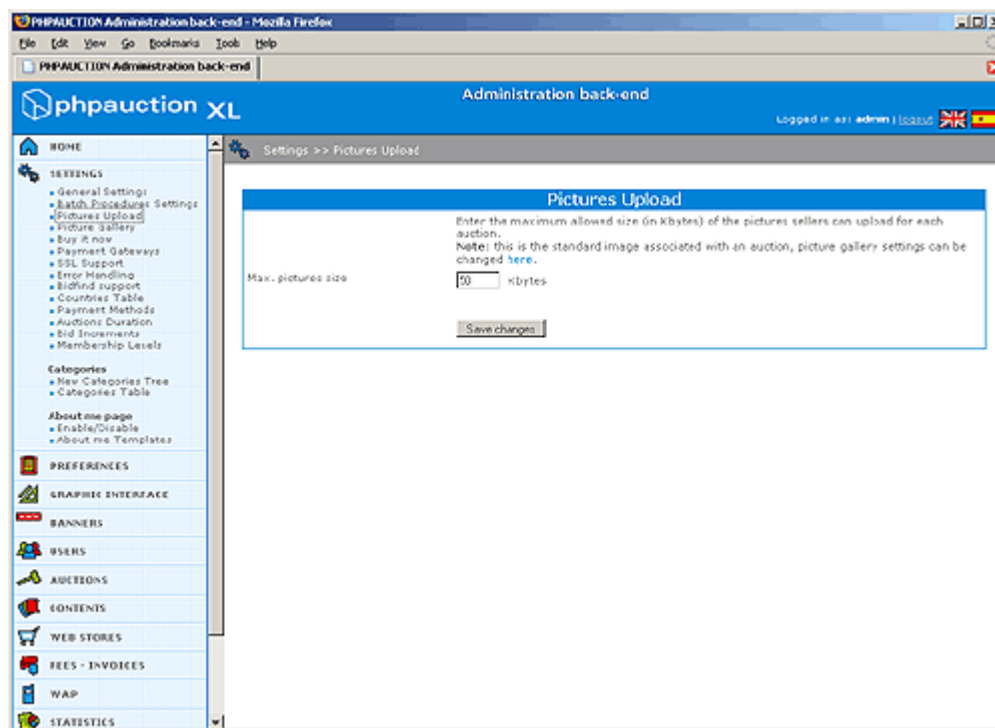


* Not apply for GPL and EP

2.3.1.3 Pictures Upload

Define the maximum allowed picture size (in Kbytes) that sellers can upload for each auction.

This is the standard image associated with an auction, picture gallery settings should be changed in the [Picture Gallery](#) ²⁷ section.



2.3.1.4 Picture gallery

If you enable the Picture Gallery option, the seller will be able to upload additional pictures when they set up an auction besides the standard picture which is always permitted and free of charge.

You will have to specify the maximum number of pictures allowed and its maximum size for the Picture Gallery.

Remember you can set up a fee for the additional pictures sellers upload in the [Fees](#) ¹²² section.

2.3.1.5 Buy it now

You can allow users to create Buy it Now and Buy it now only auctions.

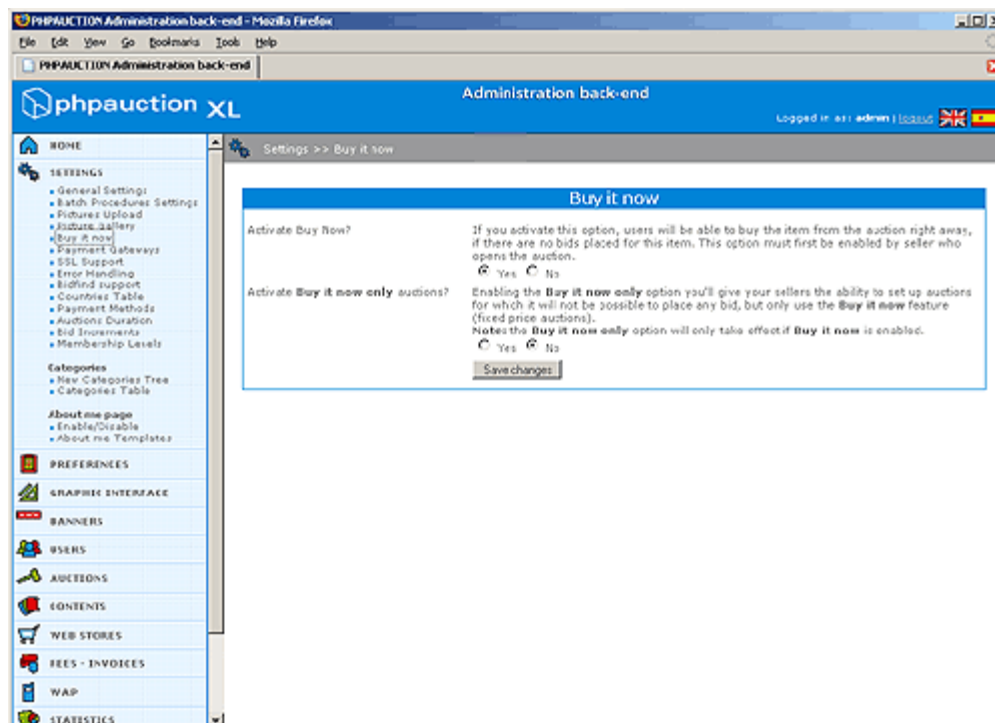
Buy it now auctions

If you activate this option, users will be able to buy the item from the auction right away, if there are no bids placed for this item. This option must first be selected by the seller when submitting the auction.

Buy it now only auctions

Enabling the Buy it now only option you'll give your sellers the ability to set up auctions for which it will not be possible to place any bid, only use the Buy it now feature (fixed price auctions). It can be considered a standard sale.

Note: the Buy it now only option will only take effect if Buy it now is enabled.



2.3.1.6 Payment Gateways

To charge your users fees to use your site's services, phpAuction supports the payment gateways show below.

You can decide to use one or more gateway, in that case your users will be able to choose which one they prefer to use.

PayPal

Enabling Paypal support will allow you to accept payments through Paypal and provide your Paypal e-mail address. Learn here how to configure your Paypal account to work with phpAuction.

Set up your PayPal Account

To be able to charge the users of your auction site, you need to have a Paypal account set up. The only thing you have to do is to fill in the e-mail address you chose as your Paypal e-mail account address. When a user goes to the Paypal web site to pay one of the fees you set up, Paypal returns the transaction's information to a phpAuction script which is responsible for updating the database tables according to the outcome of the transaction. This script is `notification.php` and is stored in the main directory of the phpAuction distribution.

Before you can begin taking payments, you must tell Paypal where this script is:

- Go to Paypal site
- Log in
- Go to your My Account page
- Choose Preferences
- Choose Instant Payment Notification Preferences
- Click on the Edit button
- Activate the Instant Payment Notification Option in the url field write the complete path to `notification.php` in your phpAuction installation. I.e. if you installed phpAuction at `http://www.yoursite.com/` the Instant Payment Notification URL will be `http://www.yoursite.com/notification.php`

2checkout

Enabling 2checkout support will allow you to accept payment through 2checkout. You must also provide your 2checkout seller ID.

Learn here how to configure your 2checkout account to work with phpAuction.

Set up your 2 checkout Account

For phpAuction to be able to process payment through your 2checkout account you must properly configure the credit card settings following the steps below

- Go to 2checkout.com
- Log in into your account
- Select Shopping Cart > Cart details
- In the Shopping Cart Parameters page set
- Return to a routine on your site after credit card process to yes
- In the Return URL field enter the complete URL to `2checkoutipn.php` on your site. I.e., if your phpAuction installation is at `http://www.yoursite.com` enter `http://www.yoursite.com/2checkoutipn.php`

- Click on the save changes button

Authorize.net

Enabling Authorize.net will allow you to accept payment through Authorize.net's SIM (Simple Integration Method) payment method. In order to use this method you need to have a Authorize.net Merchant Account.

Set up your Authorize.net Account

- Go to Authorize.net
- Create your Merchant account
- Authorize.net will provide you with your Login ID and your Transaction Key
- Enter these information in the correspondent field

Other Payment Gateways can be integrated as customization project. Please contact one of our certified developers to check compatibility and request a quote.

The screenshot shows the 'phpAuction Administration back-end' interface in Mozilla Firefox. The main content area is titled 'Payment Gateways Settings'. It contains three sections for configuring payment gateways:

- PAYPAL** (<http://www.paypal.com>): Includes instructions on enabling support, a text field for 'Your Paypal e-mail address' (containing 'youraddress@yourdomain.com'), and a dropdown for 'Paypal Currency' (set to 'GBP - Great Britain Pound').
- Authorize.Net** (<http://www.authorize.net>): Includes instructions on enabling support, a text field for 'Login ID' (containing '123456'), and a text field for 'Transaction Key' (containing '1321321313123').
- 2CHECKOUT** (<http://www.2checkout.com>): Includes instructions on enabling support and a text field for '2checkout seller ID'.

The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like HOME, SETTINGS, PREFERENCES, GRAPHIC INTERFACE, BANNERS, USERS, AUCTIONS, CONTENTS, WEB STORES, REES - INVOICES, WAP, and STATISTICS.

2.3.1.7 SSL support

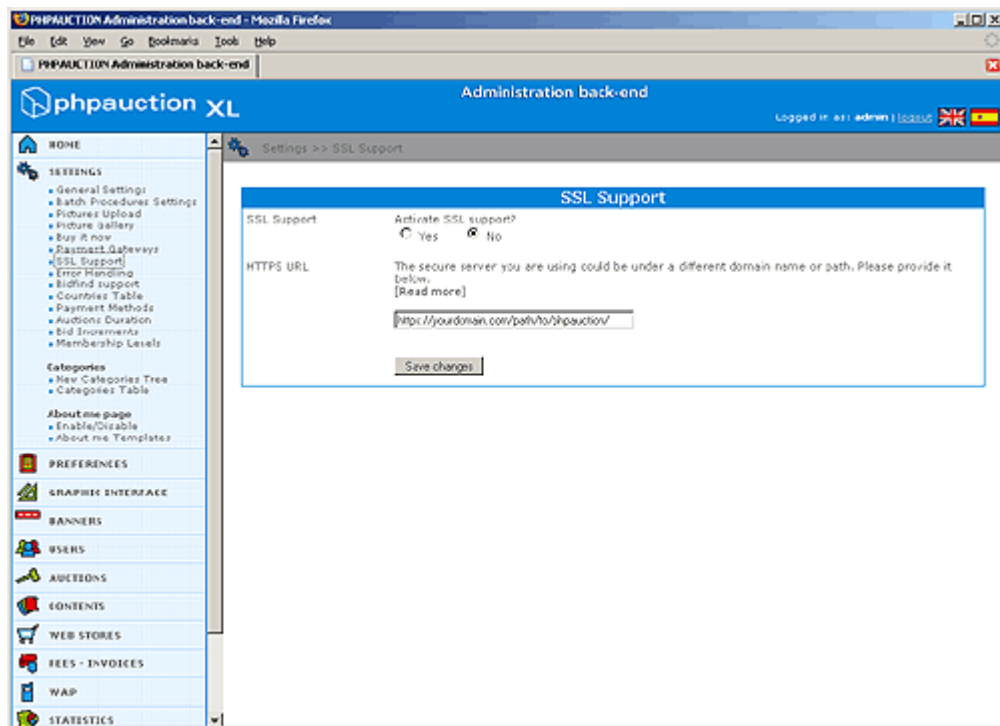
If you have SSL support on the server where you are running phpAuction, you may want to give your customers a safer environment to operate.

To activate SSL support in phpAuction you'll need to provide to which URL your sever responds to https requests. , including the "https://" prefix, the ending slash and the path if it's in a directory. I.E.:

`https://www.yoursite.com/phpAuction/path/to`

Once the SSL Support is activated, your users will operate under secure HTTPS transactions when they sign up and log in. Login out will reestablish a HTTP transaction.

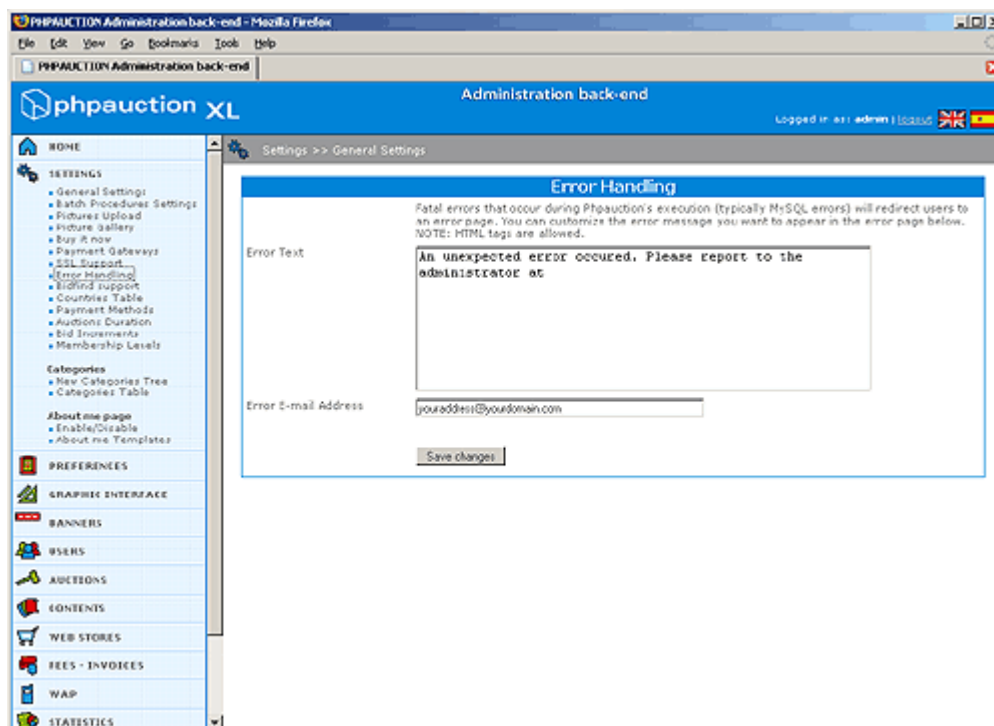
Remember that the SSL URL must be the same one you registered when purchased. If the SSL URL doesn't correspond a Key-file error message will be shown in your site each time HTTPS transactions are displayed. Please check with phpAuction team this data to avoid the problem and request a change if its necessary.



2.3.1.8 Error Handling

Fatal errors that can occur during phpAuction's execution (typically MySQL errors), users will be redirected to an error page when this happens. You can customize the Fatal errors page with your own text. An e-mail address will also be displayed at this page.

The error message text allows HTML tags.

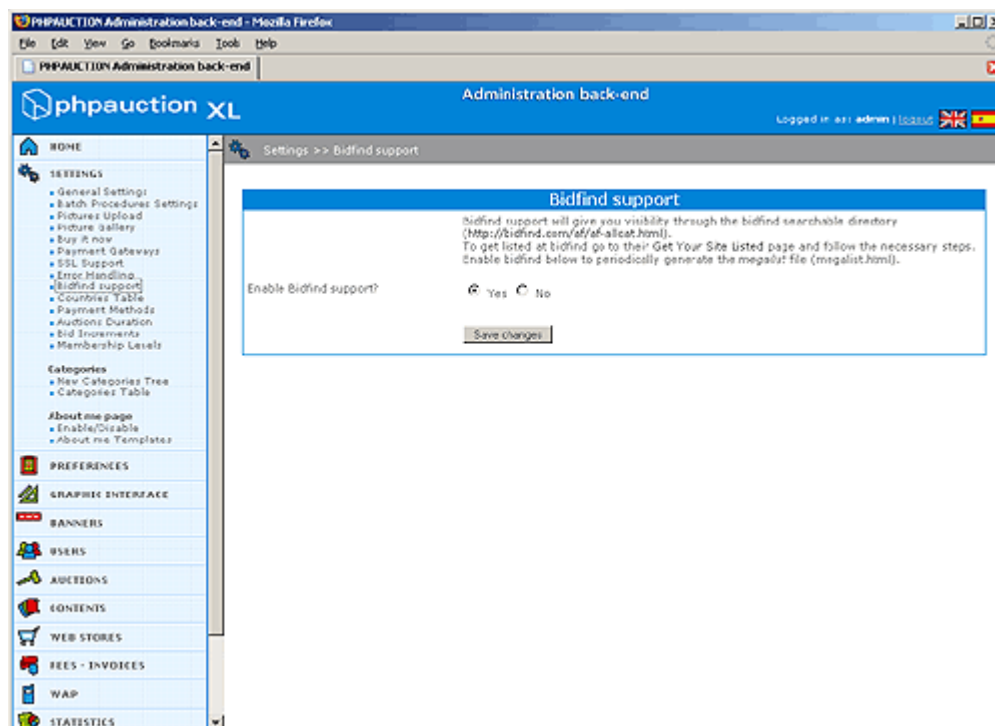


2.3.1.9 BidFind Support

Enabling Bid Find support will give you visibility through the Bid Find searchable directory (<http://bidfind.com/af/af-allcat.html>).

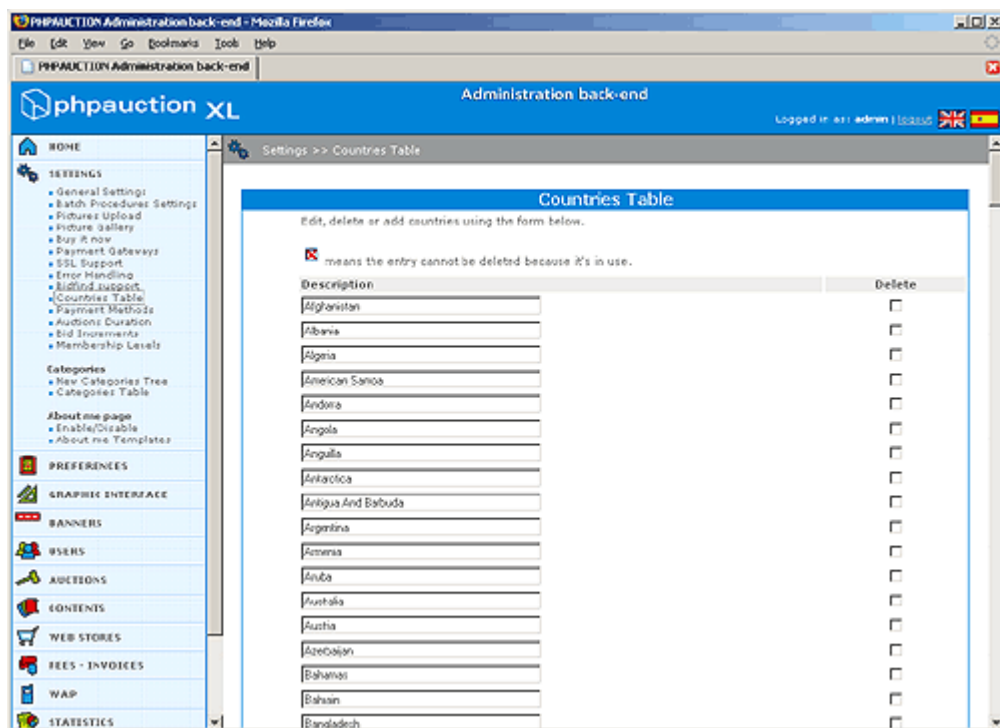
To get listed at Bid Find go to their Get Your Site Listed page and follow the necessary steps to register in their directory.

From phpAuction side you will need to enable Bid Find to periodically generate the necessary megalist file (megalist.html).



2.3.1.10 Countries table

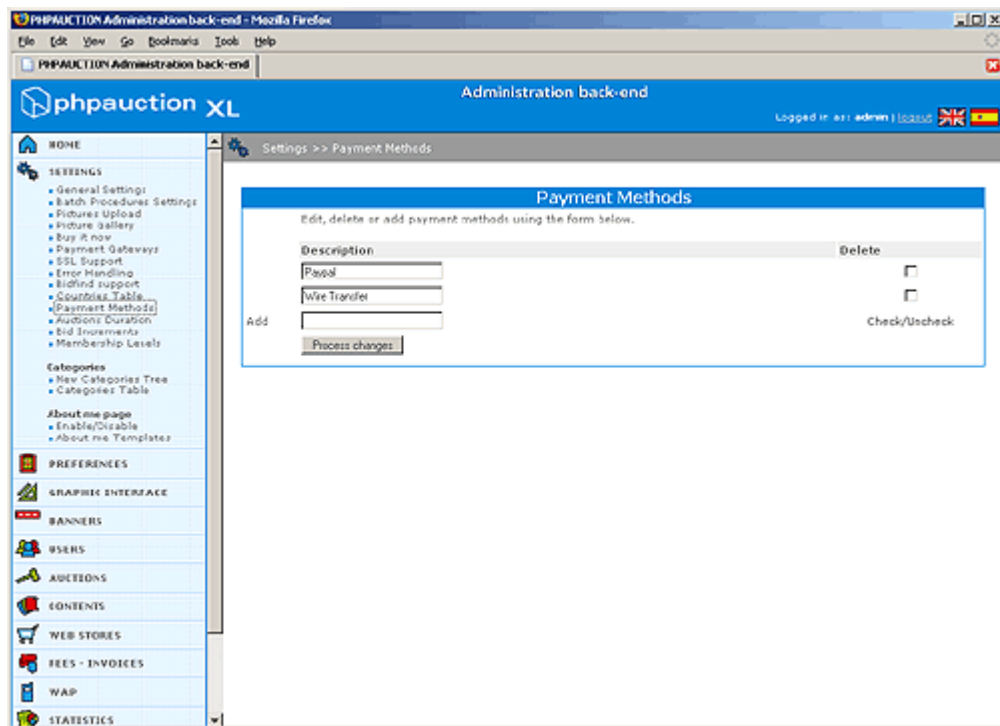
You can edit Countries displayed in your site from this section by editing, adding or deleting the phpAuction default list. Countries in used by an user or an auction can't be deleted.



2.3.1.11 Payment methods

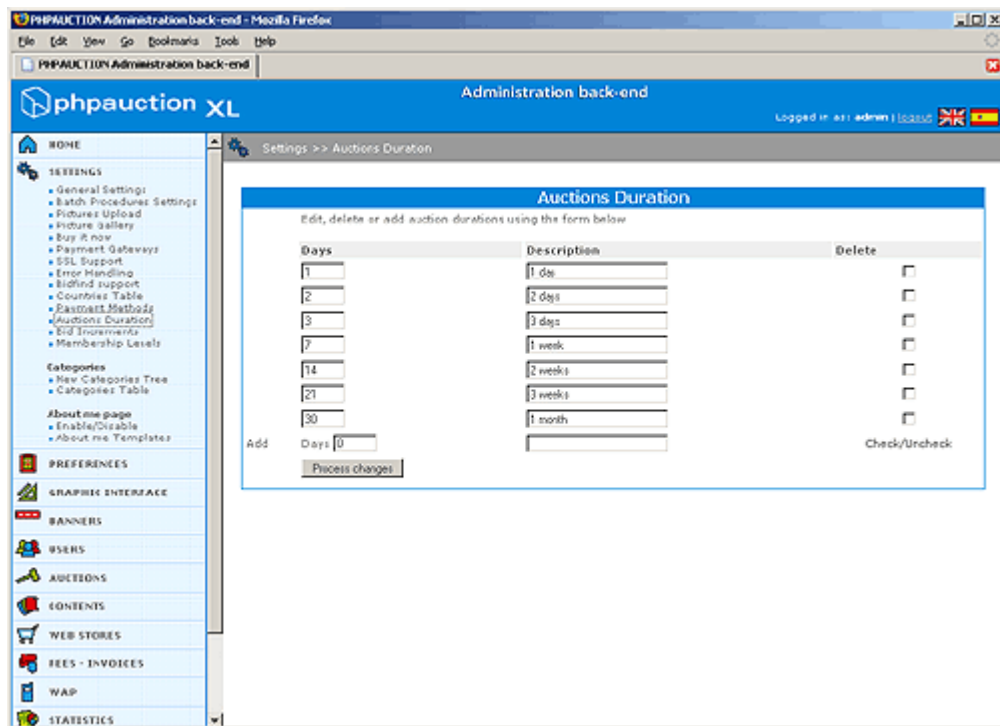
You can edit the different Payment methods displayed in each auction. The user will be able to select those he want to accept when submitting an auction. Edit, add or delete them for phpAuction's default list.

Note: This transactions are handle between the users. Your site will not manage them, neither intermediate.



2.3.1.12 Auctions duration

This is the list of options available for Auctions duration used in your site. The seller can select one of them when submitting an auction. Edit, add or delete them for phpAuction's default list. It only accepts ranges of number of days.

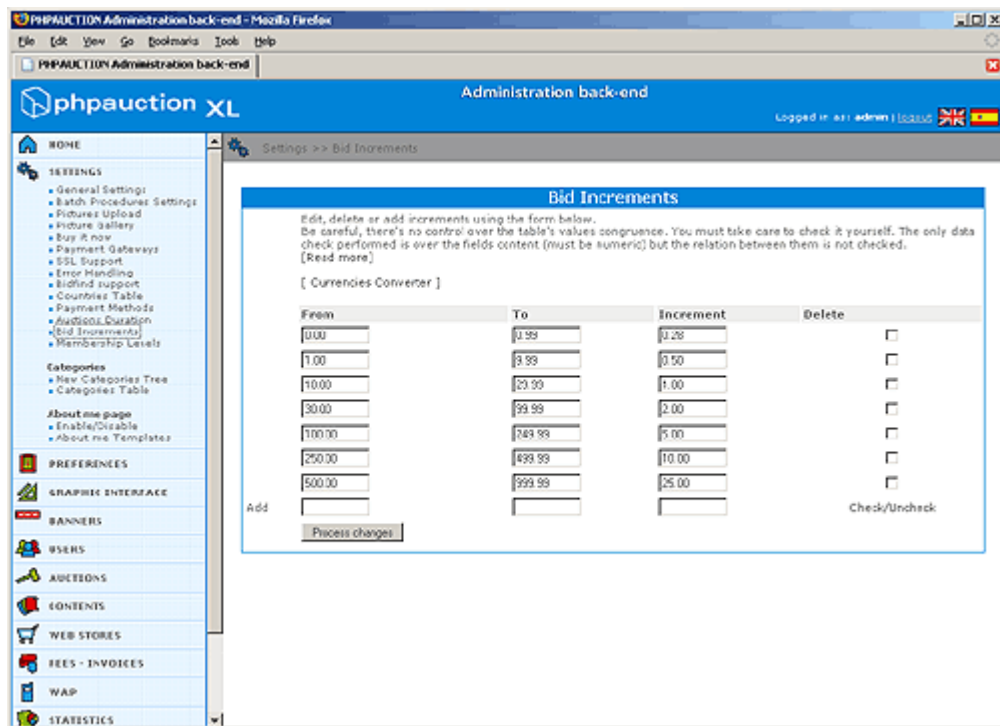


2.3.1.13 Bid increments

The Bid increments table determines the increment between two bids. The increment depends on the current price (higher bid) the auction reached. You must enter price intervals specifying the low limit (FROM column), the upper limit (TO column) and the increment (in the currency you are using) for that interval. The last increment you specify will be valid also for all the upper values of price.

Be careful, there's no control over the table's values congruence. Be sure to check the intervals and increments congruence yourself, no check is made upon that. The only data check performed is over the fields content (must be numeric) but the relation between them is not checked.

Edit, add or delete them for phpAuction's default list.



2.3.1.14 Membership levels

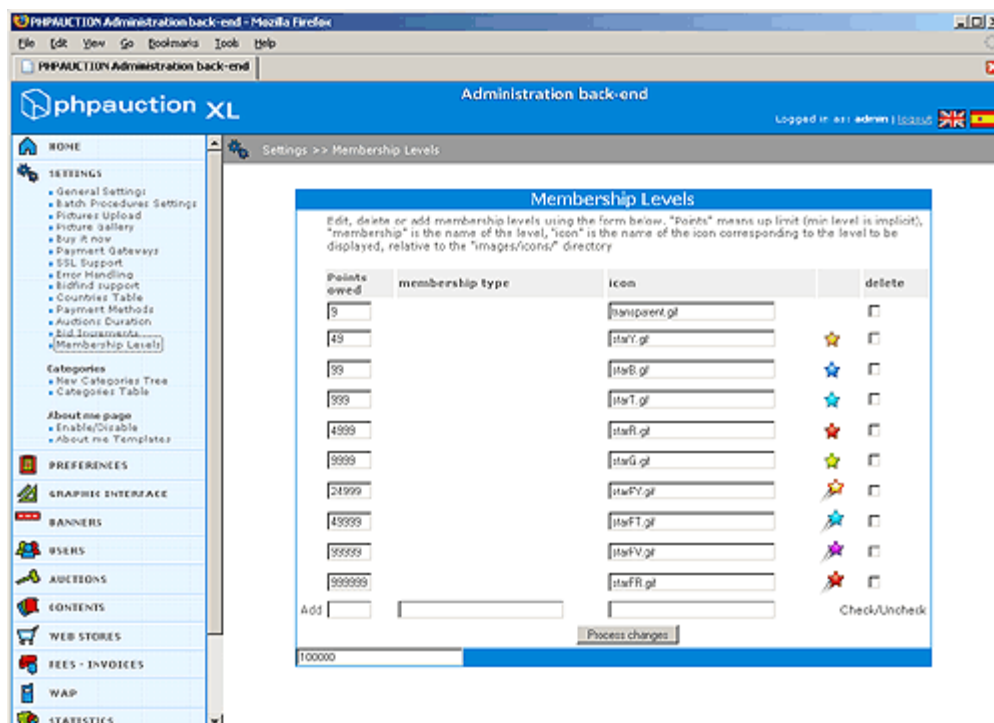
Membership levels are created by the feedback (comments and ratings) left by the users that had a transaction. These comments and ratings are valuable indicators of reputation as a buyer or seller on the auction site. They are included with an overall feedback score and the member profile.

The membership levels work the following way:

- +1 point to your feedback score for each positive comment and rating
- 0 points to your feedback score for each neutral comment and rating left for you.
- -1 point to your feedback score for each negative comment and rating left for you.

The Star icon system use the values show in this section.

Edit, add or delete them for phpAuction's default list. "Points" means up limit (min level is implicit), "membership" is the name of the level, "icon" is the name of the icon corresponding to the level to be displayed, relative to the "images/icons/" directory.



2.3.2 Categories

2.3.2.1 Create new categories tree

phpAuction comes with a default and general categories tree, but of course, you can personalize it as you need.

To populate the categories tree from scratch, you must first edit categories.txt you find in the "admin" directory following the instructions below. The structure of this file must be like the following:

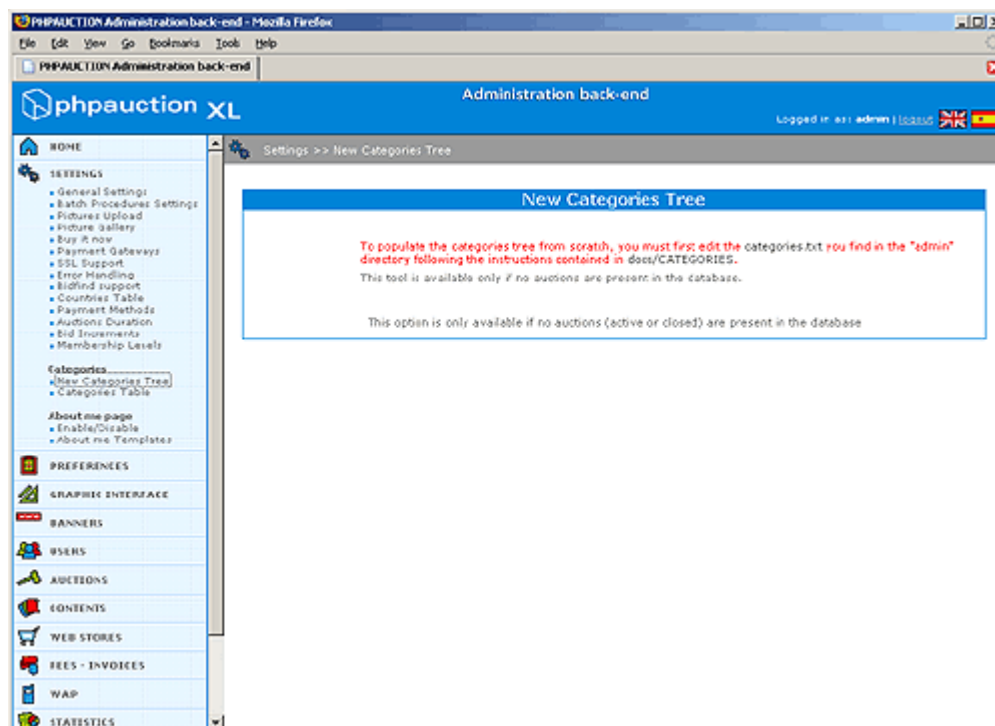
This option is only available if no auctions (active or closed) are present in the database.

To populate the categories tree from scratch, you must first edit the categories.txt you find in the "admin"

directory following these instructions:

- All categories at the top most level must be entered like 1@Art & Antiques.
- All second level categories must be entered like 2@Amateur Art.
- If a 2@ category has "children" they must be entered like 3@Paintings below the 2@ corresponding "father" and before other 2@ categories. I.E.:
 - 1@Art & Antiques
 - 2@Amateur Art
 - 3@Paintings
 - 3@Sculpture
 - 1@Animals
- Once you have created or edited your categories.txt file, place it in the admin directory. The admin directory already contains a sample categories file corresponding to the default categories tree: save it somewhere if you want.
- Access the admin back-end, under Settings/ Categories, click on Create New Categories Tree and click on the **Start >>** button and your new categories will be created.

Note: This categories tree and instructions only apply for the default language. To edit the categories in the your other languages it must be done from the [Categories table](#)³⁴ section.



2.3.2.2 Categories table

To edit the categories table navigate the categories hierarchy, use the + symbol to browse sub categories. You'll be able to add a new category, edit the description and delete them. This is good option if you don't have to make many changes to the original structure. This is the section you use to Translate categories

into your other languages. You can also add an image per each category to be displayed with it and select a background color for the category name. This options help you to difference the categories and in case of the color highlight some of them.

The *DELETE* check box appears for categories which can be deleted, the ones with no active auctions (including its sub categories). Deleting one category will automatically delete all the sub categories. Deleted categories will be only "marked" as delete and will be available for closed auction.

You can select to have Fees Free Categories, this means that the Set up fee won't be charged in these categories. It can be apply to categories and sub categories independently and as many as you desire. A text can be add in the sell page if the user select a Free Fee category, this text can be edited in the [Fees Free text](#) ¹¹⁴section.

2.3.2.3 Special Categories

Special categories are available in order to get paid for distinct Set Up and Final Value Fees for items that have a great price such as Houses, Cars & Trucks, Jewelry or Art pieces.

Each special category that be defined as special, will have its own Set up and Final Value Fee. The fees can be modify at this same section.

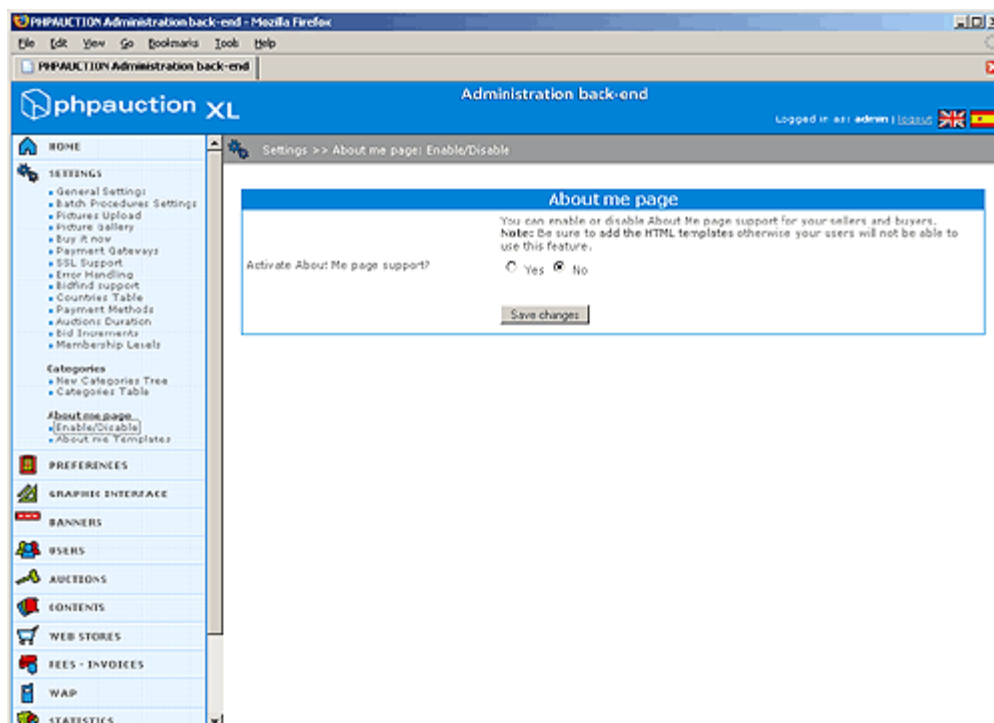
You can translate categories into your other languages, add an image per each category and select a background color. Also create a new one, modify or delete.

2.3.3 About me page

2.3.3.1 Enable/disable About me

About me page enable will give registered users of your site the ability to create a personal page, to publish information regarding themselves and their activities (this is especially used by sellers).

About me pages are based on pre-defined HTML templates that you will have to enter before, so your users will be able to create their pages.



2.3.3.2 About me templates

Before users can create their personal page using the *About me* tool, you need to add the pages templates.

About me templates are HTML templates, containing some TAGS which are automatically substituted with the users information.

The TAGS are:

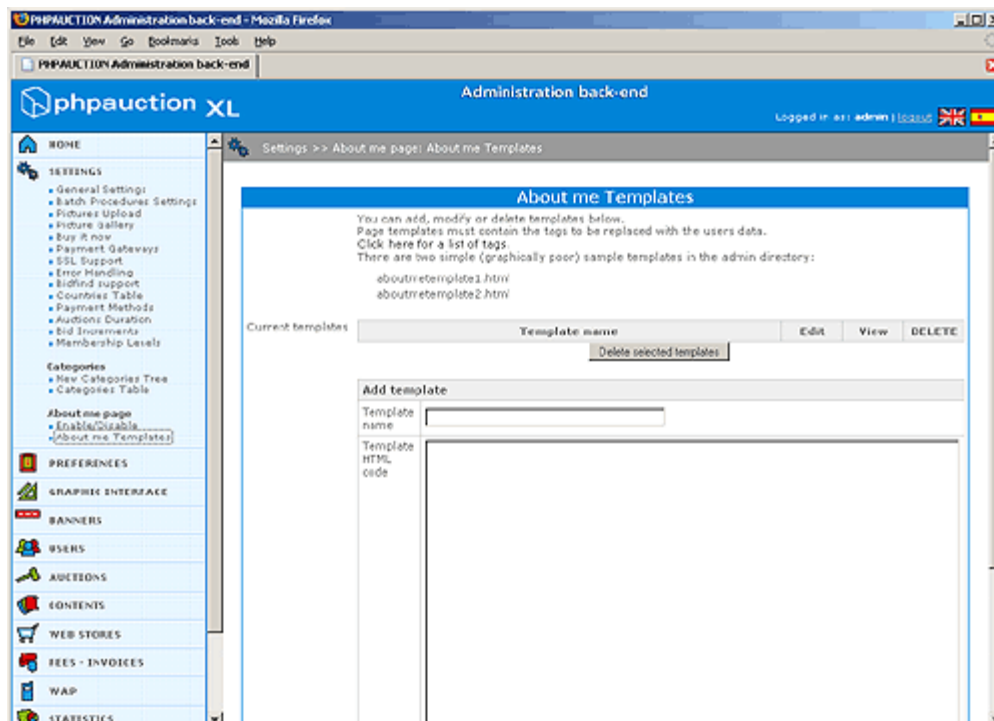
- {TITLE} Will display the *About me* page title.
- {WELCOME} Will display the user's welcome message title.
- {WELCOMEMSG} Will display the user's welcome message.
- {PARAGRAPH} Will display the user's additional paragraph title.
- {PARAGRAPHPGS} Will display the user's additional paragraph.
- {PICTURE} Will display the user uploaded image.
- {YOURAUCTIONS} Will display the user's auctions (if any).

There are two simple sample html files in the admin directory:

- aboutmetemplate1.html
- aboutmetemplate2.html

that you can use as a starting point for other templates. You can create as many as you want.

Note: HTML skills will be needed to create these templates.



2.4 Preferences

This section contains the information related to your preferences on how your auction site works as: time, languages, counters and default information.

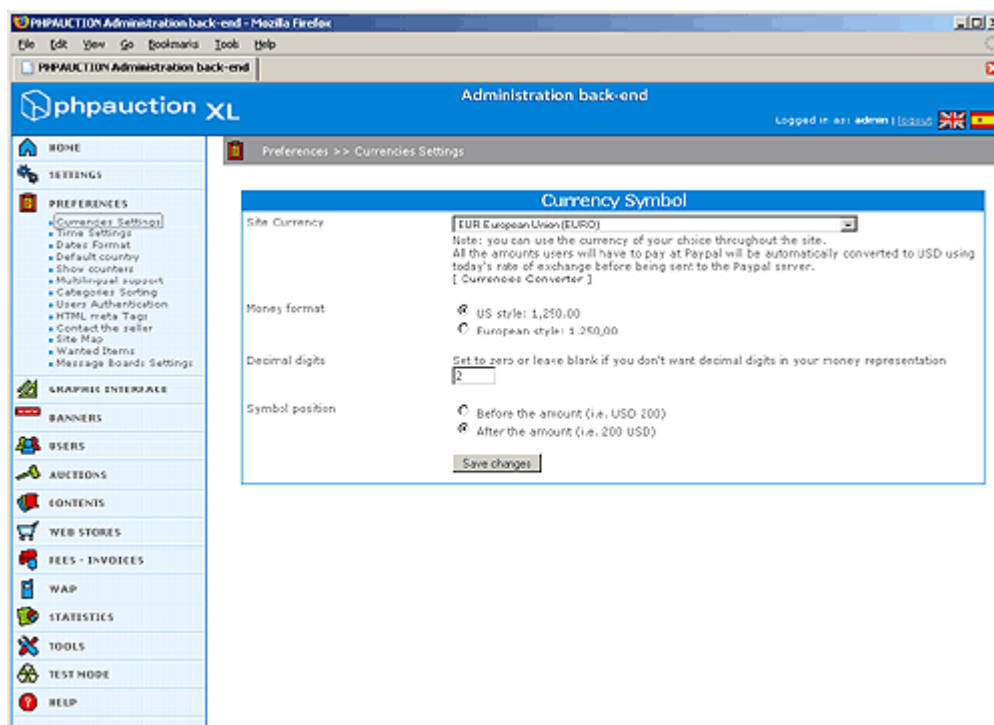
2.4.1 Currency Setting

You can use the currency of your choice throughout the site from the ones listed.

All the amounts users will have to pay using the payment gateways will be automatically converted to the currency used in your payment gateways account, using today's rate of exchange before being sent to the server.

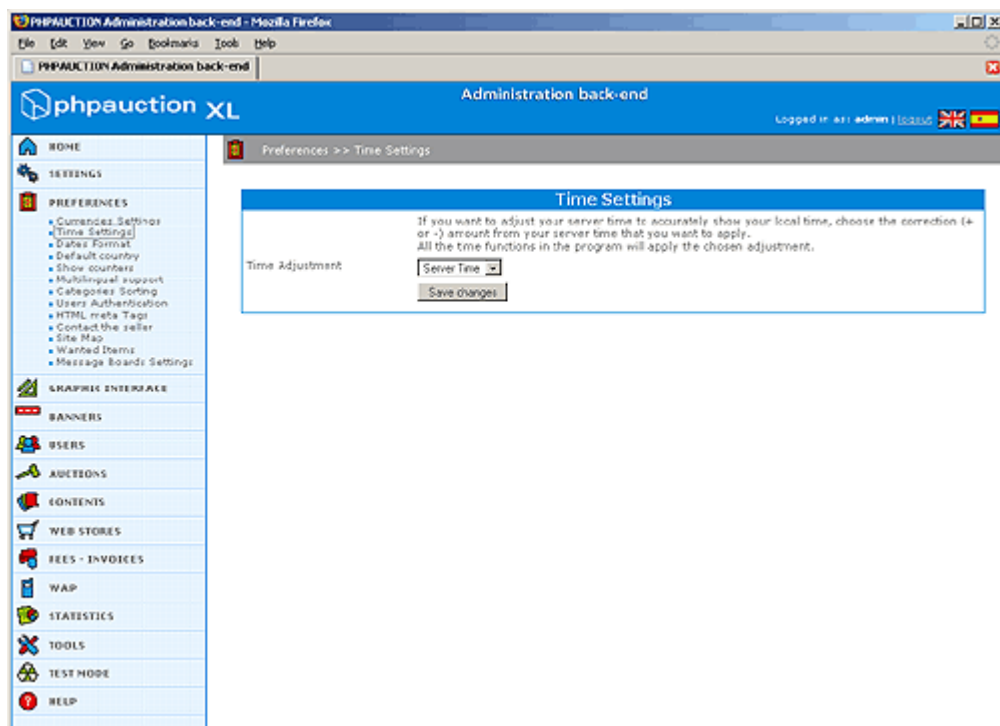
The Currency converter supported by xe.com is the one displayed in this section and in the site.

- Money format: USD style (1,250.00) or European style (1.250,00).
- Decimal digits: Display the quantity you choose, by default 2. Set to zero or leave blank if you don't want decimal digits in your money representation
- Symbol position: Before the amount (USD 200) or after the amount (200 USD).



2.4.2 Time Settings

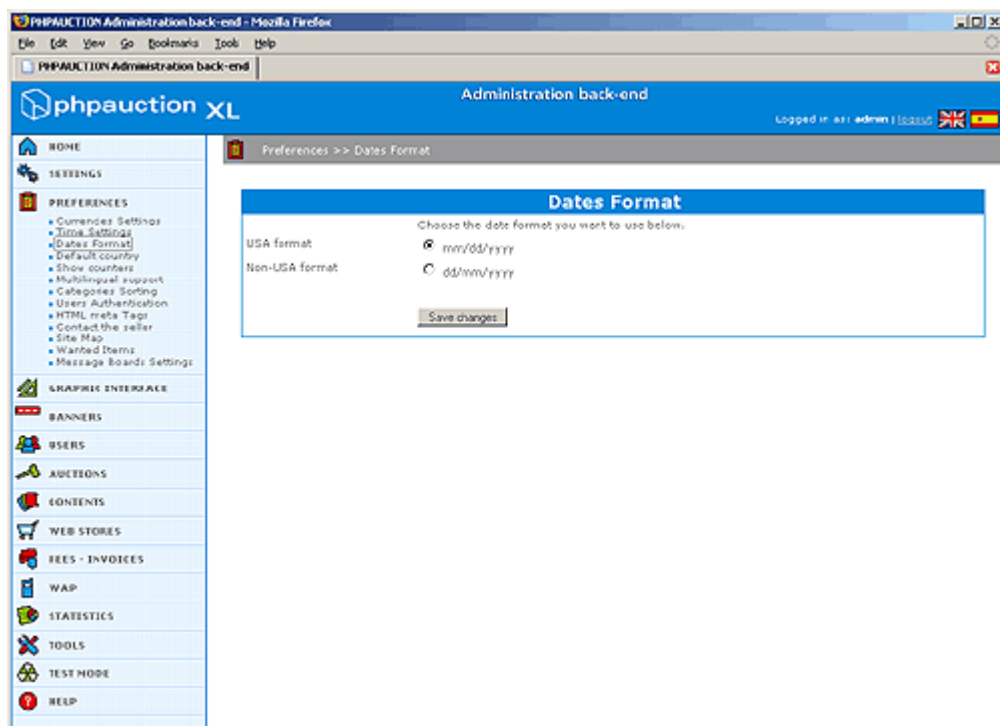
You can Adjust the time from your server time to accurately show your local time, choose the correction (+ or -) amount from your server time that you want to apply. All the time functions in the program will apply the chosen adjustment.



2.4.3 Date

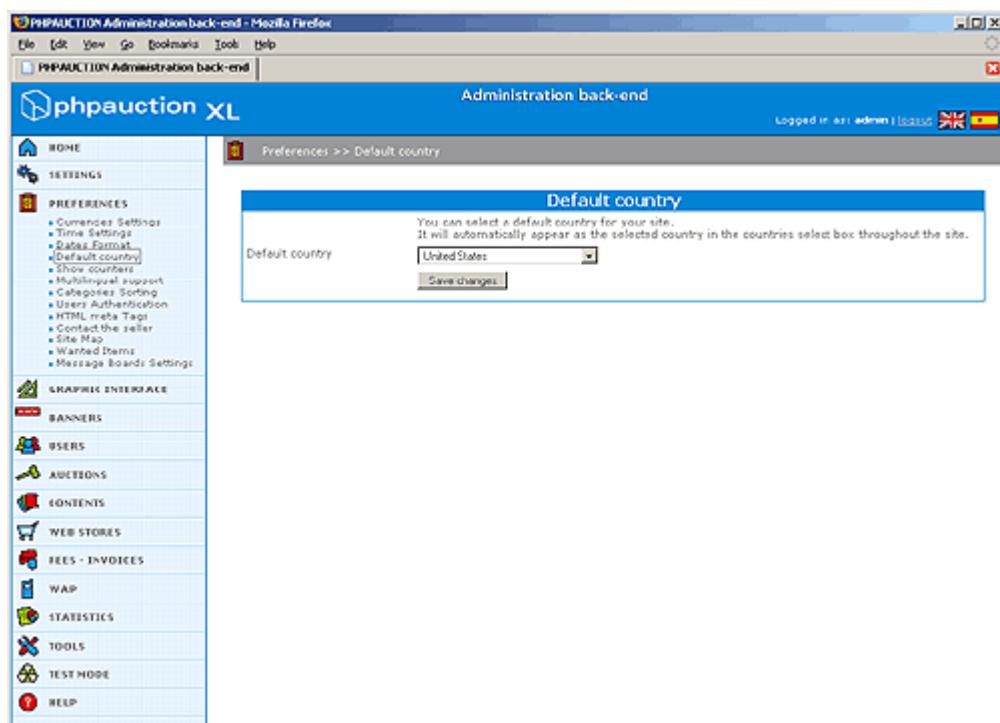
You can choose the date format:

USA format (mm/dd/yyyy) or non-USA format (dd/mm/yyyy).



2.4.4 Default country

You can select a default country for your site. It will automatically appear as the selected country in the countries select box throughout the site. To edit countries go to the [Countries table](#) ²⁸ section.



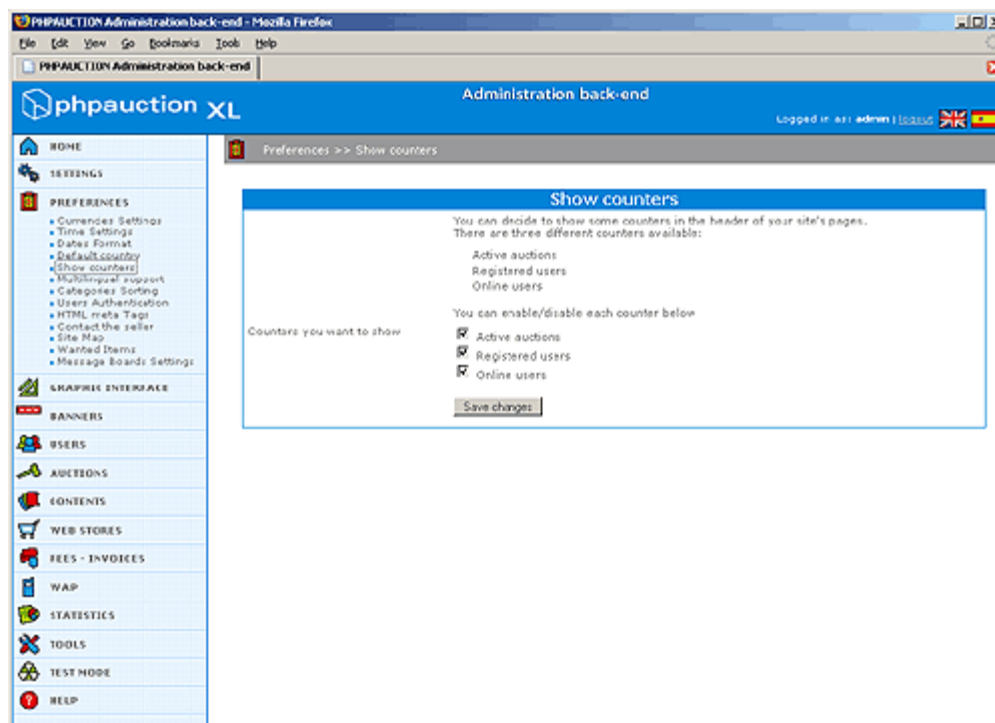
2.4.5 Show counters

You can decide to show Counters in the header of your site's pages.

There are three different counters available:

- Active auctions counter
- Registered users counter
- Online users counter

You can enable/disable each counter separately.



2.4.6 Multilingual support

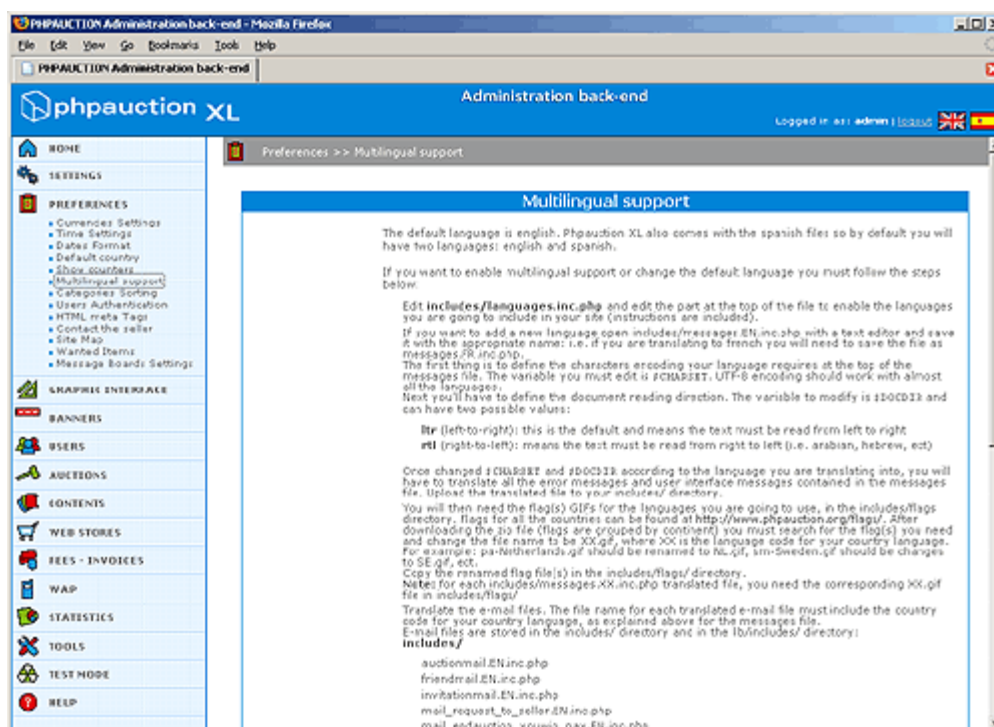
For categories, FAQ's and news the translation is done in the admin back-end in the same section of its management.

The Default language is English. phpAuction packages also comes with the Spanish files so by default you will have two languages: English and Spanish. If you have more languages the option will be also display

here.

The default language selection can be modified in this section.

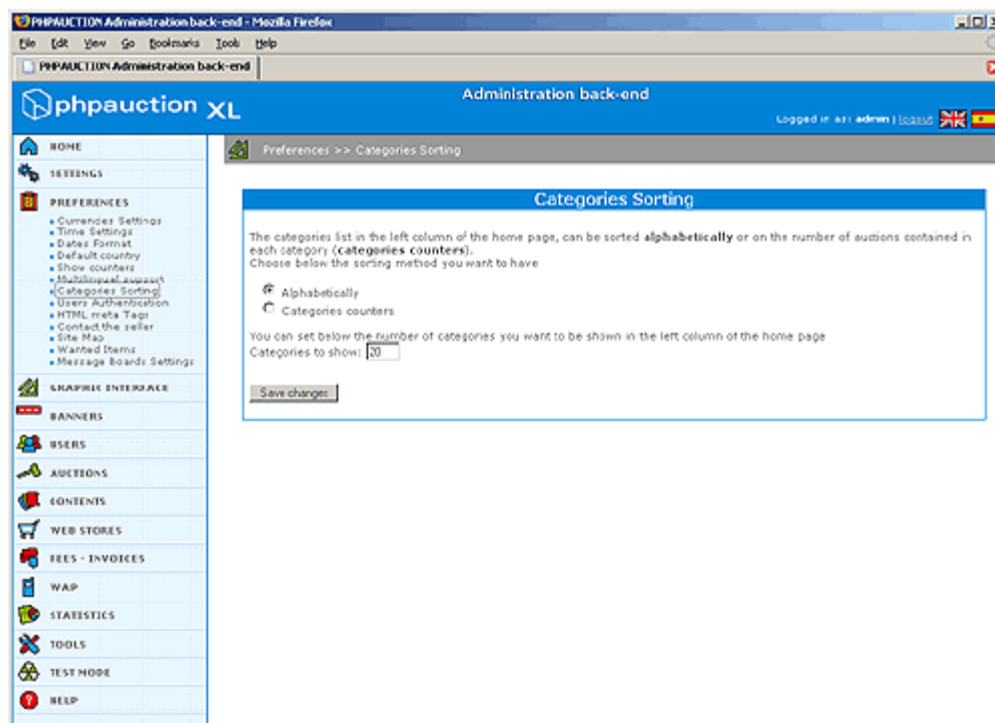
If you want to enable multilingual support please check the [Multilingual Support](#)^[41] chapter available in this Manual.



2.4.7 Categories sorting

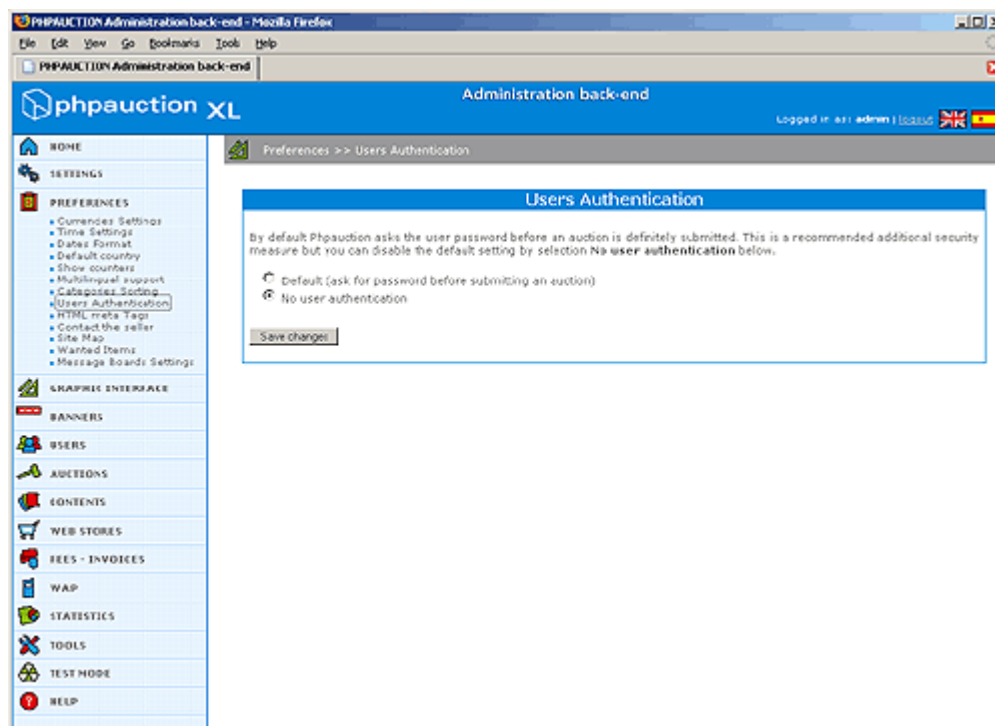
The Home page categories list display in the left column, can be sorted alphabetically or on the number of auctions contained in each category (categories counters).

You can choose the sorting method you want to have and set the number of categories you want to be shown.



2.4.8 Users authentication

By default phpAuction asks the user password before an auction is definitely submitted. This is a recommended additional security measure but you can disable the default setting by selection **No user authentication**.



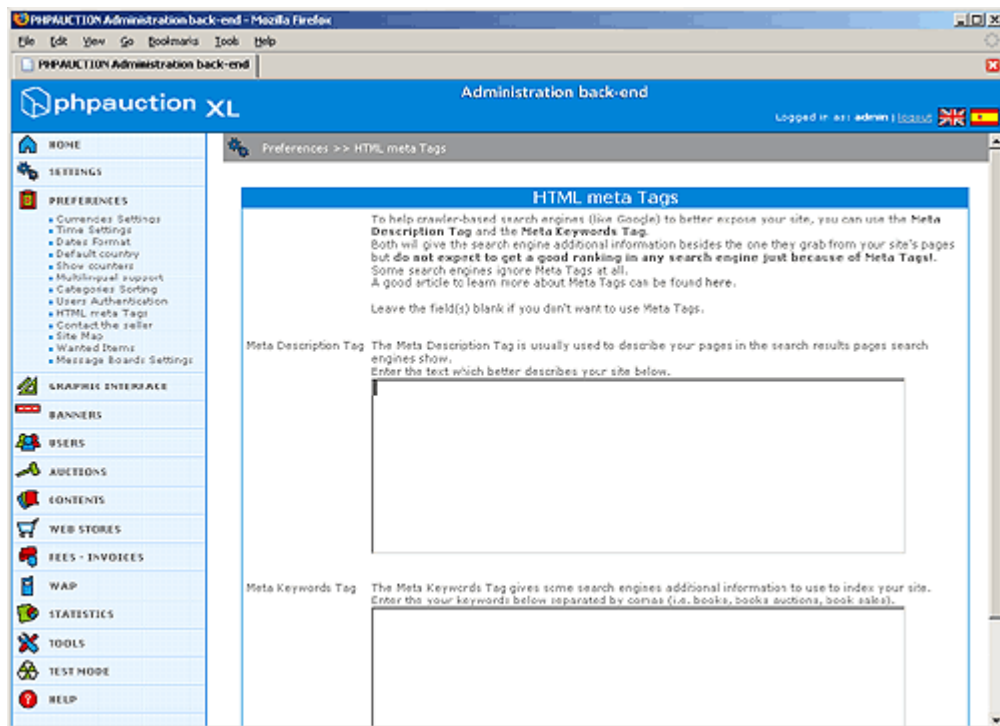
2.4.9 HTML Meta tags

To help crawler-based search engines (like Google) to better expose your site, you can use the Meta Description Tag and the Meta Keywords Tag.

Both will give the search engine additional information besides the one they grab from your site's pages but do not expect to get a good ranking in any search engine just because of Meta Tags!. Some search engines ignore Meta Tags at all.

- The Meta Description Tag is usually used to describe your pages in the search results pages search engines show. Enter the text which better describes your site.
- The Meta Keywords Tag gives some search engines additional information to use to index your site. Enter the your keywords below separated by comas (i.e. books, books auctions, book sales).

Leave the field(s) blank if you don't want to use Meta Tags.

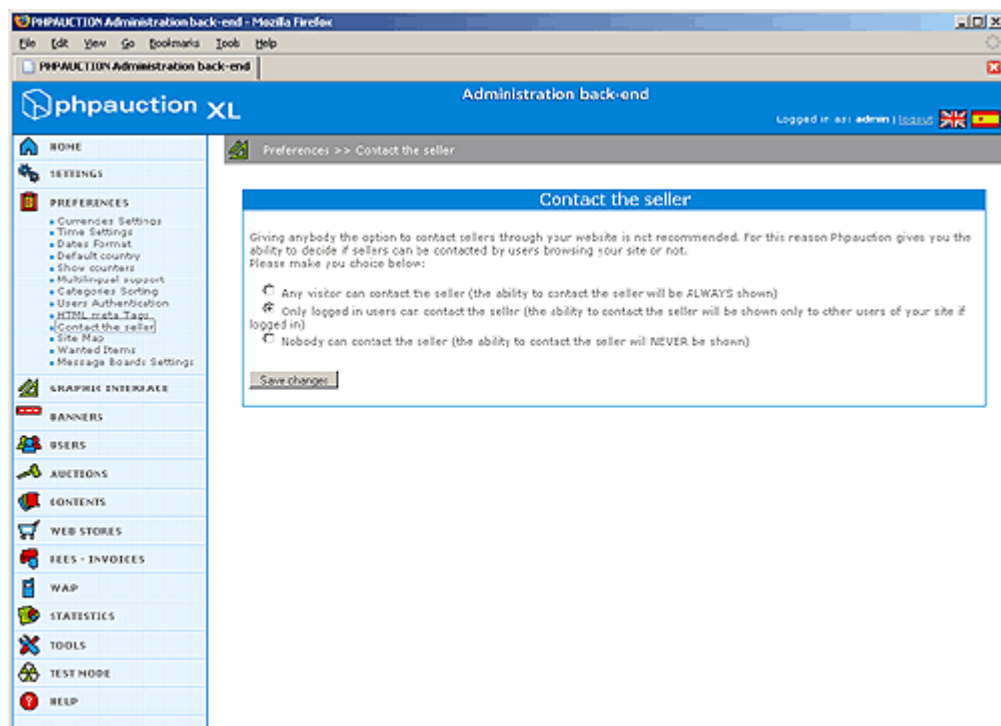


2.4.10 Contact the seller

Giving anybody the option to contact sellers through your website is not recommended. For this reason phpAuction gives you the ability to decide if sellers can be contacted by users browsing your site or not.

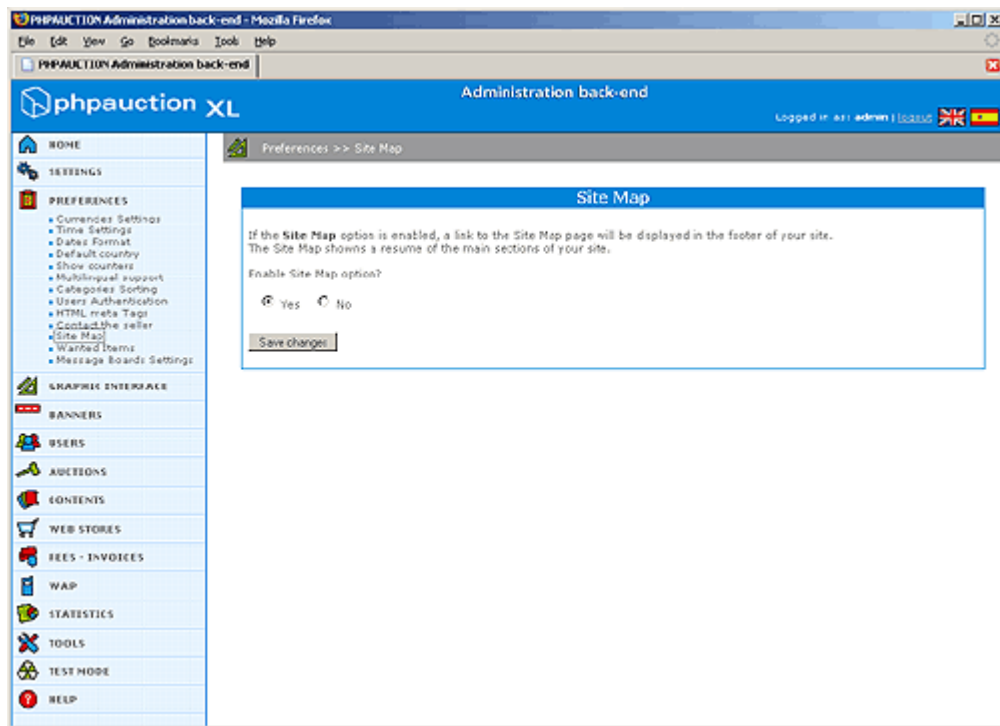
Please make your choice below:

- Any visitor can contact the seller (the ability to contact the seller will be ALWAYS shown)
- Only logged in users can contact the seller (the ability to contact the seller will be shown only to other users of your site if logged in)
- Nobody can contact the seller (the ability to contact the seller will NEVER be shown)



2.4.11 Site Map

The Site Map shows a resume of the main sections of your site. If the Site Map option is enabled, a link to the Site Map page will be displayed in the footer of your site.

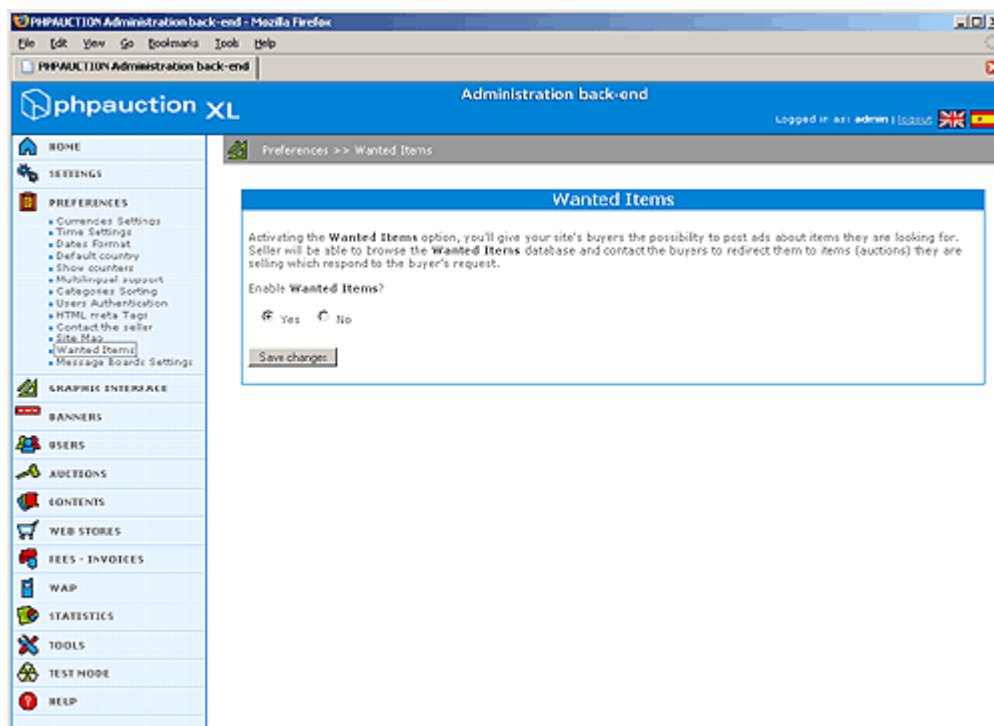


2.4.12 Wanted Items

The Wanted Items option will give your site's buyers the possibility to post ads about items they are looking for. This ads will be posted from the users control panel.

Sellers will be able to browse the Wanted Items database and contact the buyers to redirect them to items (auctions) they are selling which respond to the buyer's request.

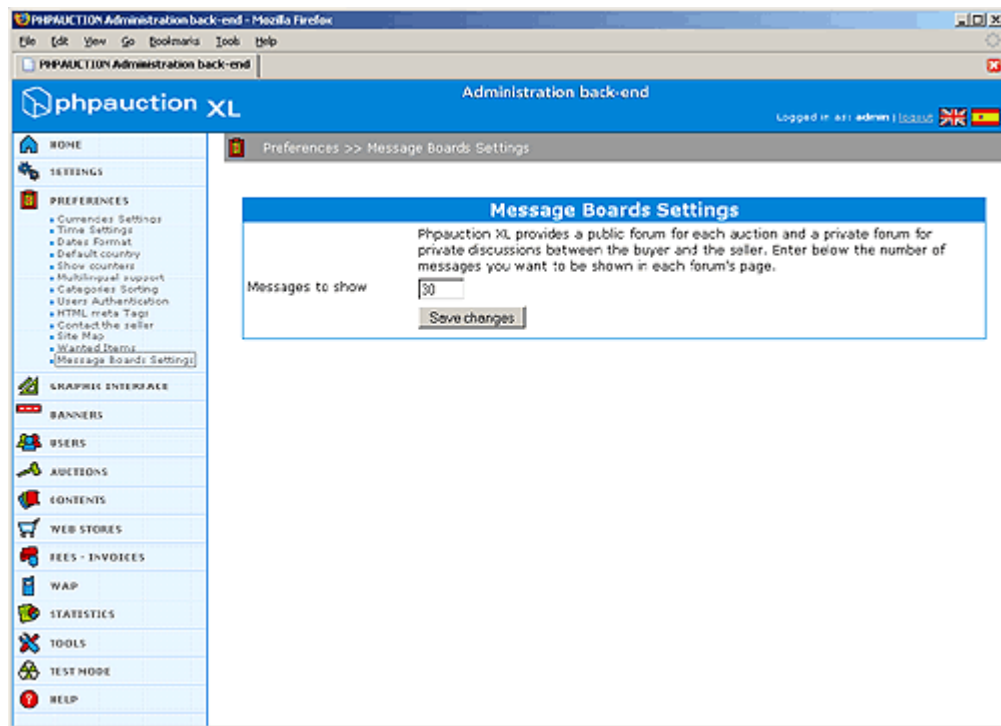
If the Wanted Items option is enable a link will be shown in the header and footer of your auction site.



2.4.13 Message Boards Settings

phpAuction XL provides a public forum for each auction and a private forum for private discussions between each possible buyer and the seller. In this section you can decide the number of messages you want to be shown in each forum's page.

To activate the Message Boards and manage them, refer to the [Message Boards](#) ⁽¹⁰⁰⁾ section.



2.5 Graphic Interface

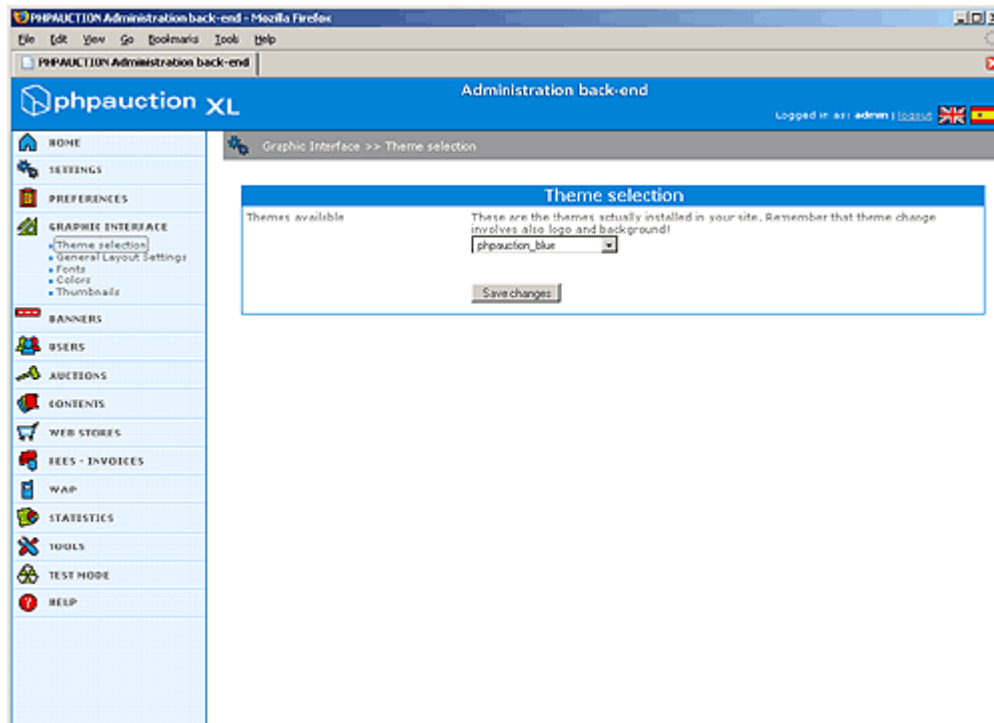
2.5.1 Theme selection

phpAuction manage the graphic interface with CSS. This allows to create design templates using CSS themes. In this section you have a list of the themes actually installed in your site. Remember that theme change involves also logo and background!

To know more about how to edit or create design template please refer to [Design customization](#)^[140] chapter at this manual. Please remember that we highly recommend that only users with CSS knowledge work directly in the code. If you don't have knowledge it's better if you keep using our admin back-end graphic interface options.

Each design templates is unit in one directory. If you want to install a new one place it in the themes/ directory of your main installation (<http://www.yoursite.com/themes/test/>) and refresh this page. The theme will be displayed in the list.

By default phpAuction includes 1 design with 9 colors variation that are named: phpAuction_blue, phpAuction_yellow, etc.



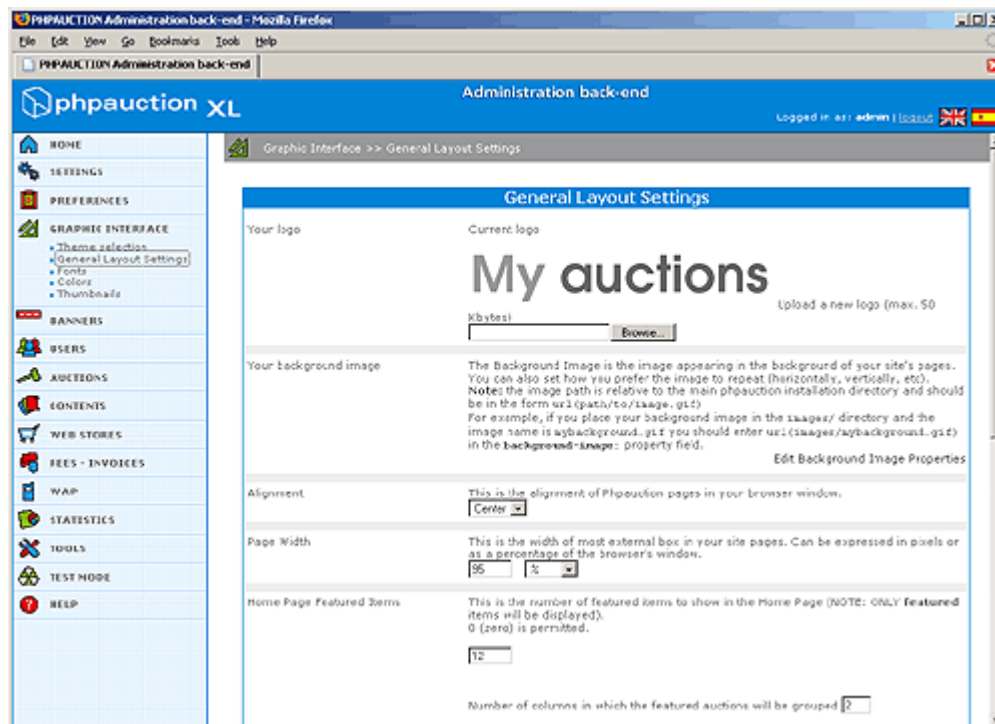
2.5.2 General layout settings

In this section you can select different content options that affect your Site graphic layout and distribution.

- Your **logo**: You can Upload your logo which will be displayed in the header of each page of the site. Images can be GIF and JPG not greater than 50 Kb.
- Your **background image**: The Background Image is the image appearing in the background of your site's pages. You can also set how you prefer the image to repeat (horizontally, vertically, etc). Note: the image path is relative to the main phpAuction installation directory and should be in the form `url(path/to/image.gif)` For example, if you place your background image in the `images/` directory and the image name is `mybackground.gif` you should enter `url(images/mybackground.gif)` in the `background-image` property field.
- **Alignment**: Alignment of pages in your browser window (right, left, center).
- **Home Page Featured Items**: Number of featured items to show in the Home Page. The information displayed for featured items is: picture's thumbnail, title, current bid, end date. They are display in columns, you can select the **Number of columns** in which the featured auctions will be grouped . The number you enter here must be an even number; 0 (zero) is permitted. Also you can define the thumbnails size *.
- **Category Featured Items**: Number of category featured items shown in the Categories Pages. These items are shown in rows of four auctions wide. The number you enter here should be an even number; 0 (zero) is permitted. Also you can define the thumbnails size *.

* The thumbnail size can also be modified in the [Thumbnails](#) ⁵³ section.

- **Last Created Items:** Number of most recent items to show in the Home Page. 0 (zero) is permitted.
- **Higher Bids:** Number of items to show in the Higher Bids list in the Home Page. 0 (zero) is permitted.
- **Ending Soon or Next Ending:** Number of items to show in the Ending Soon list in the Home Page. 0 (zero) is permitted.
- **Display login box:** If enabled, the users login box will be shown at the top of the right column in the home page.
- **Display news box:** If enabled, the [News](#) ⁹¹ box will be displayed.

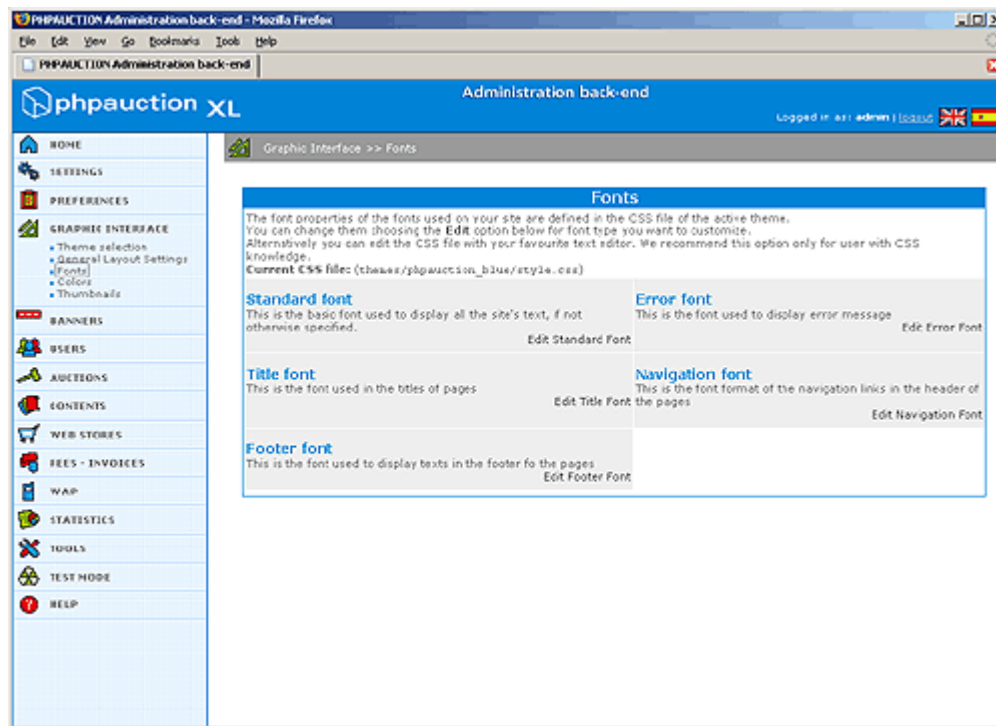


2.5.3 Fonts

The font properties of the fonts used on your site are defined in the CSS file of the active theme. You can change them choosing the Edit option below for font type you want to customize. Alternatively you can edit the CSS file with your favourite text editor. We recommend this option only for user with CSS knowledge.

Current CSS file: (themes/_red/style.css)

- **Standard font:** This is the basic font used to display all the site's text, if not otherwise specified.
- **Error font:** This is the font used to display error message.
- **Title font:** This is the font used in the titles of pages.
- **Navigation font:** This is the font format of the navigation links in the header of the pages.
- **Footer font:** This is the font used to display texts in the footer of the pages.

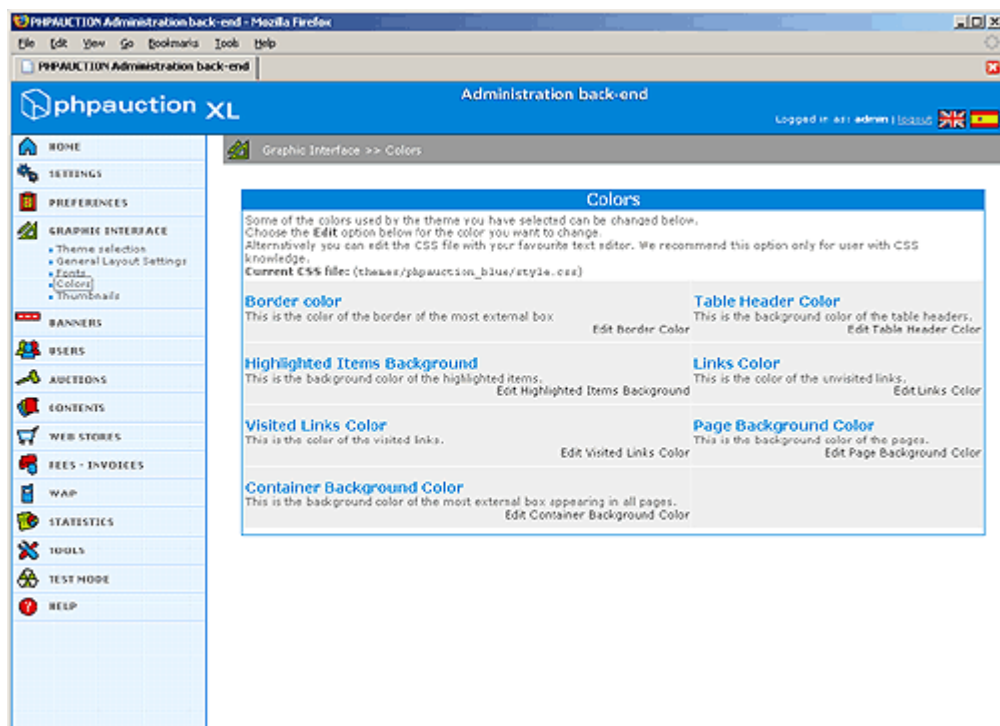


2.5.4 Colors

Some of the colors used by the theme you have selected can be changed in this section.

Alternatively you can edit the CSS file with your favourite text editor. We recommend this option only for user with CSS knowledge.

- **Current CSS file:** (themes/techno_red/style.css)
- **Border color:** This is the color of the border of the most external box
- **Table Header Color:** This is the background color of the table headers.
- **Highlighted Items Background:** This is the background color of the highlighted items.
- **Links Color:** This is the color of the unvisited links.
- **Visited Links Color:** This is the color of the visited links.
- **Page Background Color:** This is the background color of the pages.
- **Container Background Color:** This is the background color of the most external box appearing in all pages.

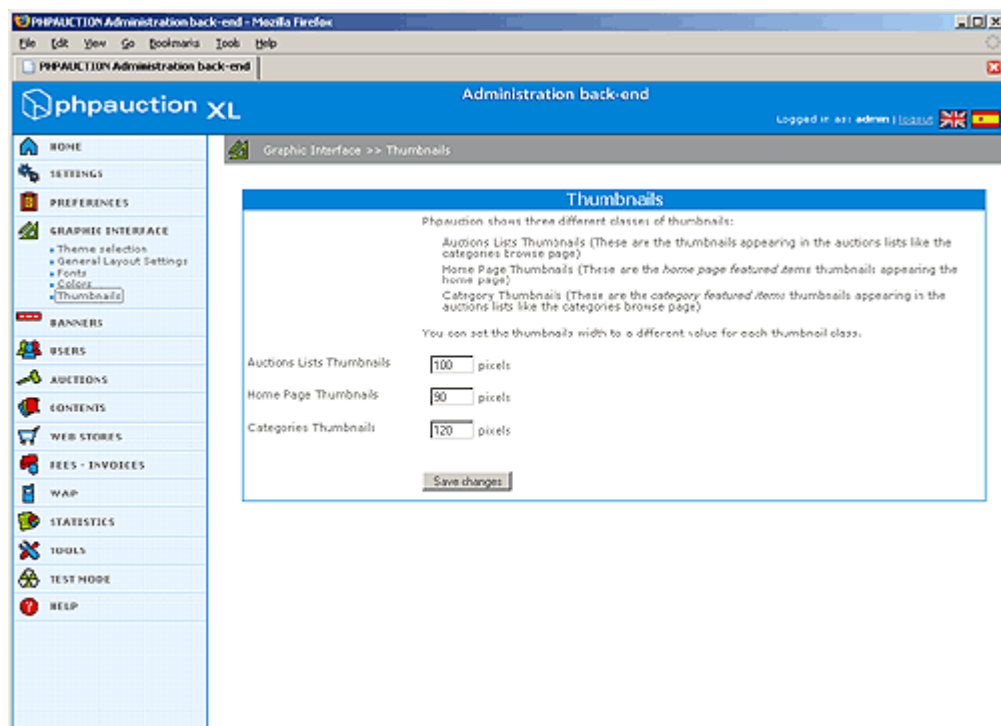


2.5.5 Thumbnails

phpAuction shows three Different classes of thumbnails:

- **Auctions Lists Thumbnails:** These are the thumbnails appearing in the auctions lists like the categories browse page.
- **Home Page Thumbnails:** These are the home page featured items thumbnails appearing the home page.
- **Category Thumbnails:** These are the category featured items thumbnails appearing in the auctions lists like the categories browse page.

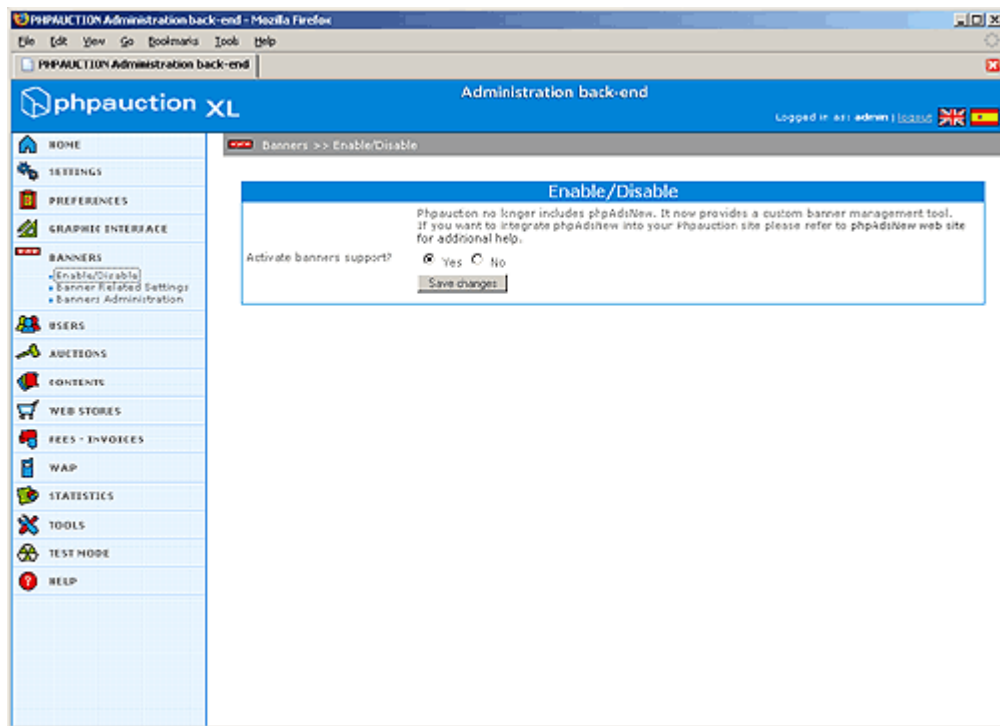
You can set the thumbnails width to a different value for each thumbnail class.



2.6 Advertisement

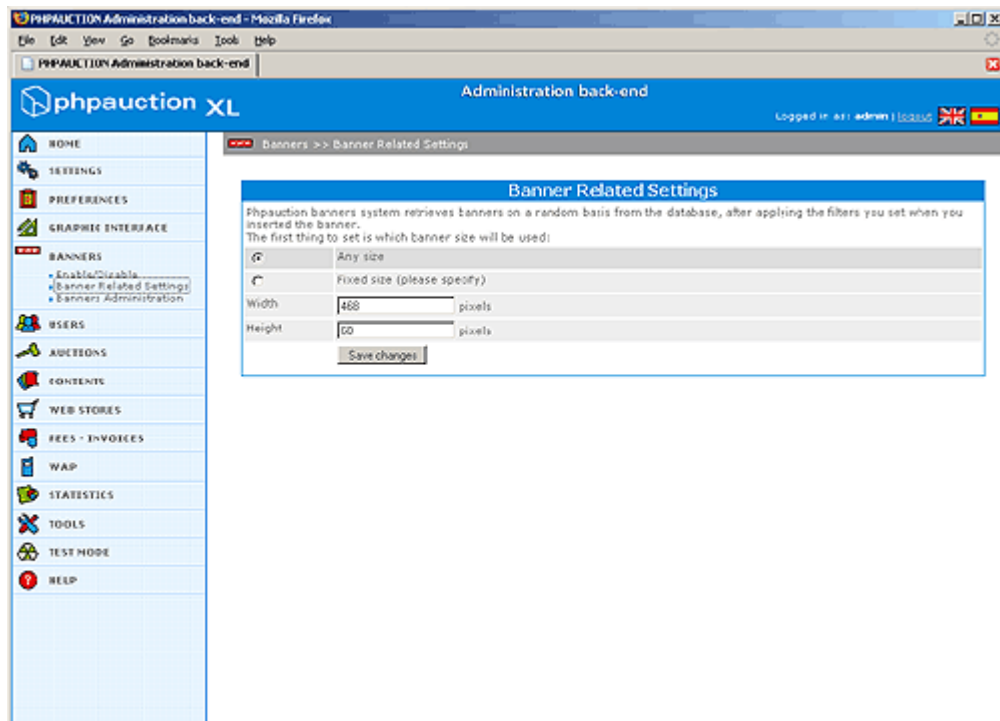
2.6.1 Enable/disable banners support

You can activate the phpAuction banners support, a custom banner management tool integrated in your site. If you want to integrate phpAdsNew into your phpAuction site please refer to phpAdsNew web site for additional help (<http://sourceforge.net/projects/phpadsnew/>).



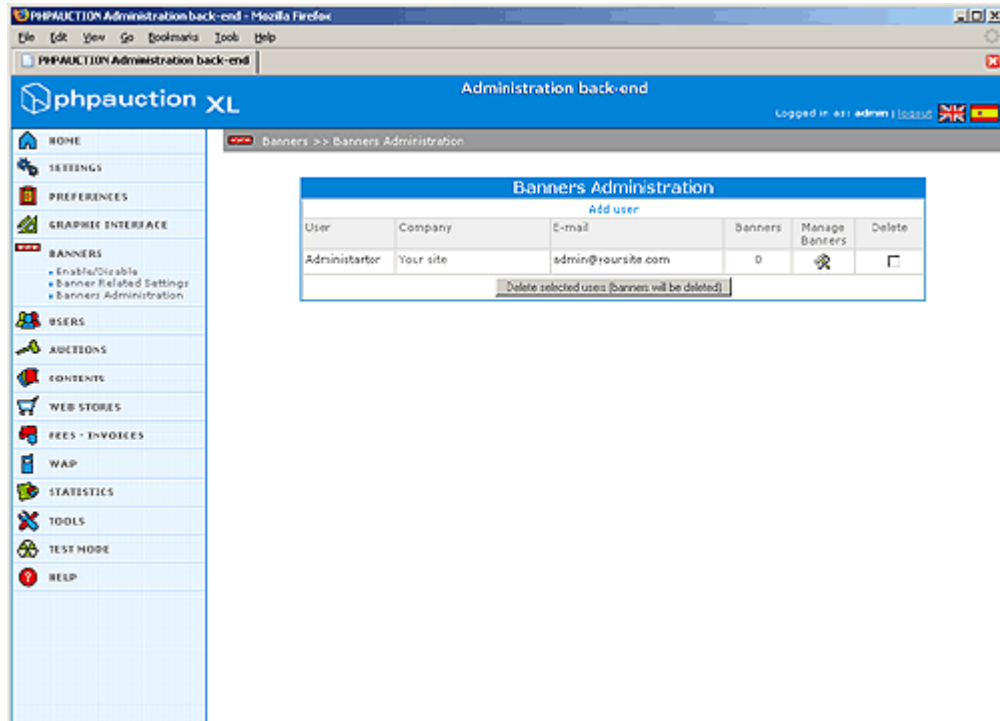
2.6.2 Banner related settings

The banners system retrieves banners on a random basis from the database, after applying the filters you set when you inserted the banner. You must Set the banner size that will be used: any size or fixed size.



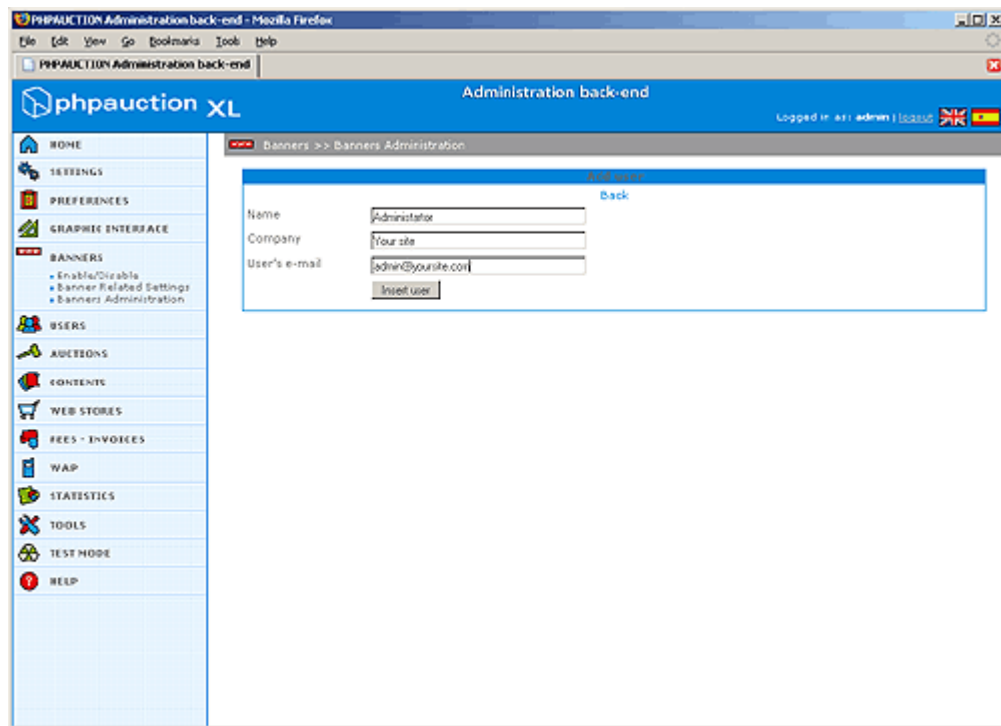
2.6.3 Banners administration

List of banner's users, displays: user name, company, e-mail, quantity of banners, manage banners, delete option and add user.



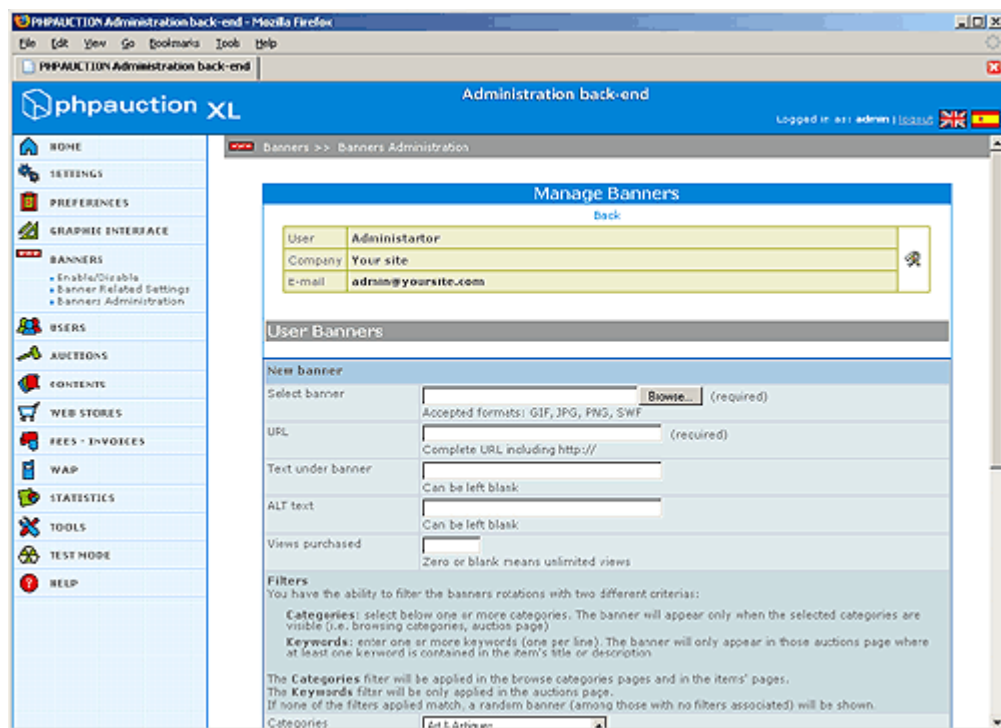
To Add a banner you have to first create the Banner user related and then add a banner to that user.

To Add a banner user the fields of name, company and user's e-mail must be filled in a submitting form.



In order to manage banners a page will be displayed with user's information, banners information -which includes banner file, URL, quantity of views, quantity of clicks, views purchased , view filters categories, edit and delete options. To add a new banner the next information must be gave:

- URL (Complete URL including http://)
- Text under banner (optional)
- ALT text (optional)
- Views purchased (Zero or blank means unlimited views)
- Filters: You have the ability to filter the banners rotations with two different criteria:
 - Categories: select below one or more categories. The banner will appear only when the selected categories are visible (i.e. browsing categories, auction page). The Categories filter will be applied in the browse categories pages and in the items' pages.
 - Keywords: enter one or more keywords (one per line). The banner will only appear in those auctions page where at least one keyword is contained in the item's title or description. The Keywords filter will be only applied in the auctions page. If none of the filters applied match, a random banner (among those with no filters associated) will be shown.



2.6.4 Google AdSense

Google AdSense is a fast and easy way for website publishers of all sizes to display relevant Google ads on their website's content pages and earn money.

You can select to enable the Google AdSense option in your site.

Google will request the Ads Property info. It will be found at your AdSense Account in the table at the information related to Property Info.

Note: copy ONLY THE NUMBER, no the letters "ca-pub-"

Select where you want to place the Ads: header or footer.

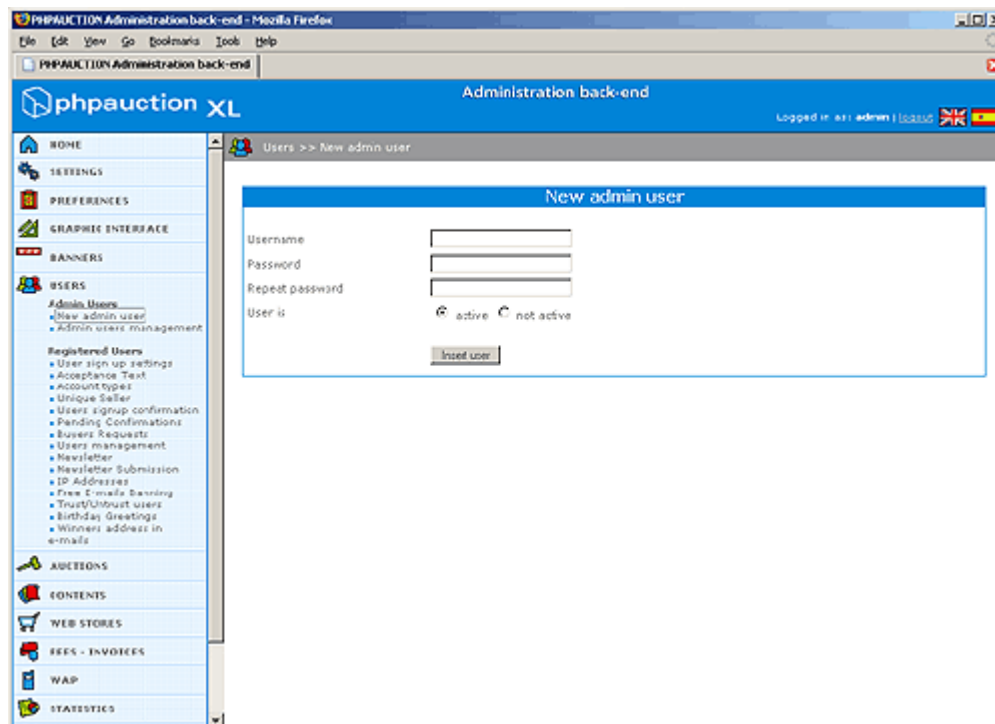
2.7 Users

2.7.1 Admin users

2.7.1.1 New admin user

You can create different Admin user.

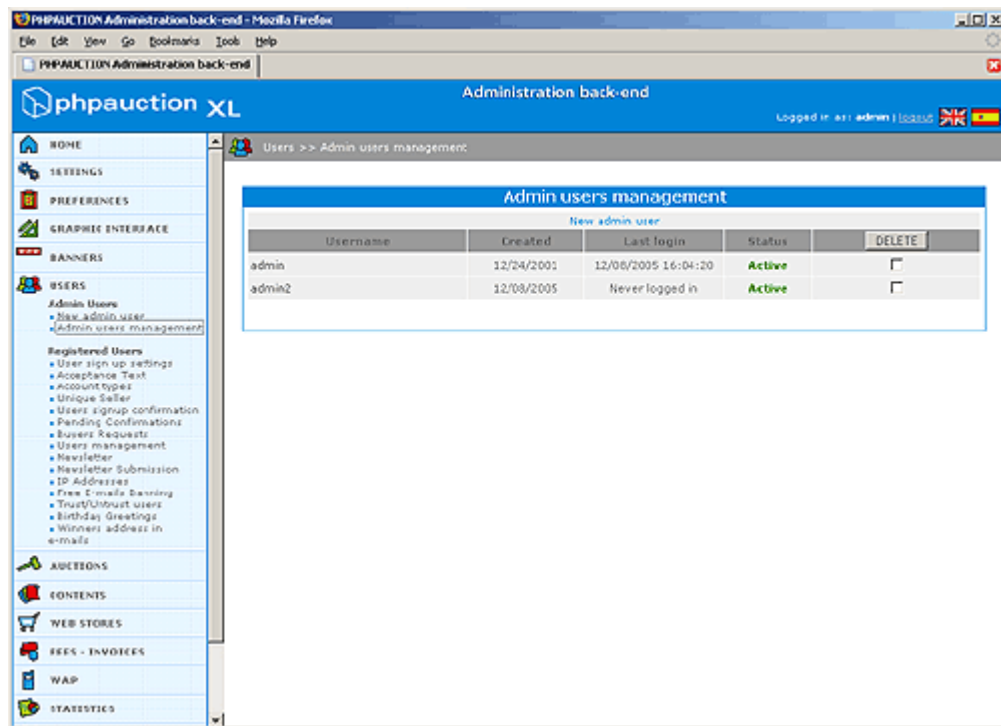
To Add an admin user fill the required information: username, password. It could be active or not active.



The screenshot shows the 'phpAuction XL Administration back-end' interface in a Mozilla Firefox browser. The page title is 'Administration back-end' and it shows 'Logged in as: admin | Logout' with flags for the United Kingdom and Spain. The left sidebar contains a menu with categories: HOME, SETTINGS, PREFERENCES, GRAPHIC INTERFACE, BANNERS, and USERS. Under the 'USERS' category, there are links for 'Admin Users' (with sub-links 'New admin user' and 'Admin users management'), 'Registered Users' (with sub-links for 'User sign up settings', 'Acceptance Text', 'Account types', 'Unique Seller', 'Users sign up confirmation', 'Pending Confirmations', 'Buyers Requests', 'Users management', 'Newsletter', 'Newsletter Submission', 'IP Addresses', 'Fraud E-mails Banning', 'Trust/Untrust users', 'Birthday Greetings', and 'Winners address in e-mails'), 'AUCTIONS', 'CONTENTS', 'WEB STORES', 'FEES - INVOICES', 'WAP', and 'STATISTICS'. The main content area is titled 'Users >> New admin user' and contains a form titled 'New admin user'. The form has fields for 'Username', 'Password', and 'Repeat password', each with a text input box. Below these is a 'User is' section with two radio buttons: 'active' (selected) and 'not active'. At the bottom of the form is a 'Insert user' button.

2.7.1.2 Admin user management

In this section you can monitor and edit your admin users. Also includes the basic information about the user: username, when was created, last login, status and a link to create new admin user. To Edit an admin user click on its username and its data will show up.



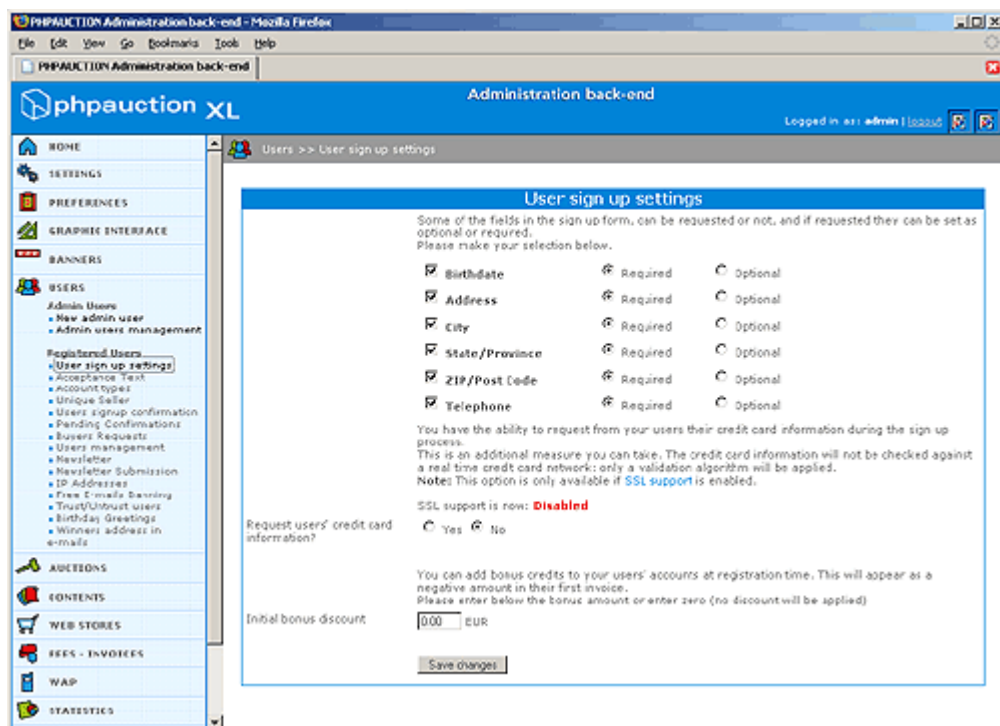
2.7.2 Registered users

2.7.2.1 User sign up settings

Some of the Fields in the sign up form, can be requested or not, and if requested they can be set as optional or required. You decide these options here.

The fields are:

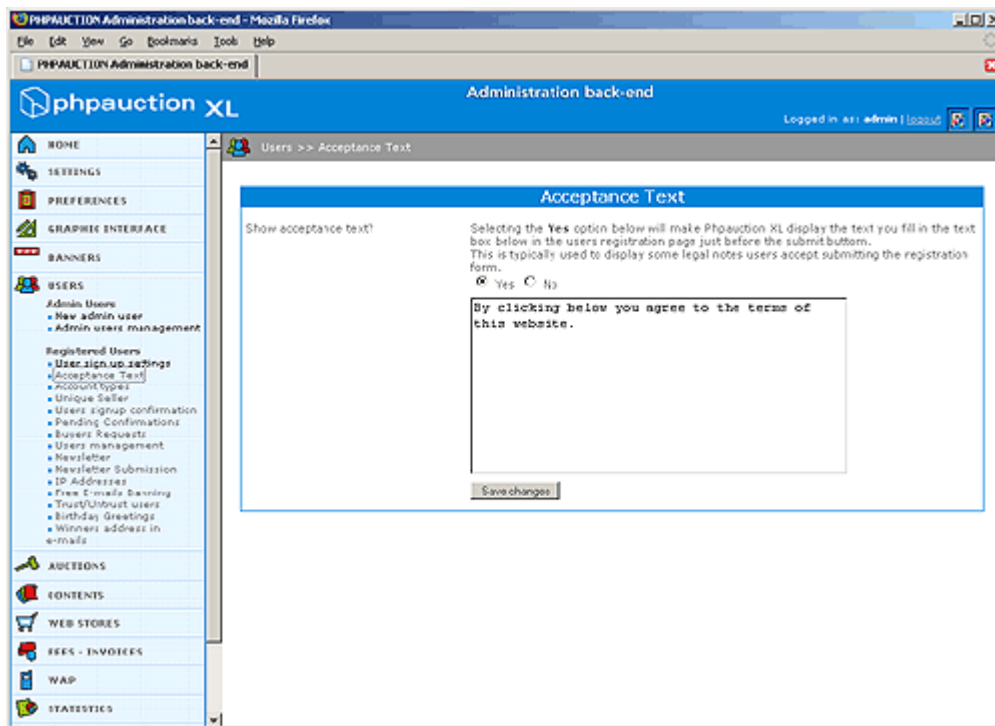
- Birth date
- Address
- City
- State/Province
- ZIP/Post Code
- Telephone
- Request Users' credit card information: You have the ability to request from your users their credit card information during the sign up process. This is an additional measure you can take. The credit card information will not be checked against a real time credit card network: only a validation algorithm will be applied. Note: This option is only available if SSL support is enabled. You can enable it from the [SSL support](#) ⁽²⁵⁾ section.
- Initial bonus discount: You can add bonus credits to your users' accounts at registration time. This will appear as a negative amount in their first invoice you can enter the bonus amount or enter zero (no discount will be applied).



2.7.2.2 Acceptance text

This is the text you display in the text box below in the users registration page just before the submit button.

Selecting this option it will make phpAuction XL display it. By default we added a basic text, you can modify it to display some legal notes users accept submitting the registration form.

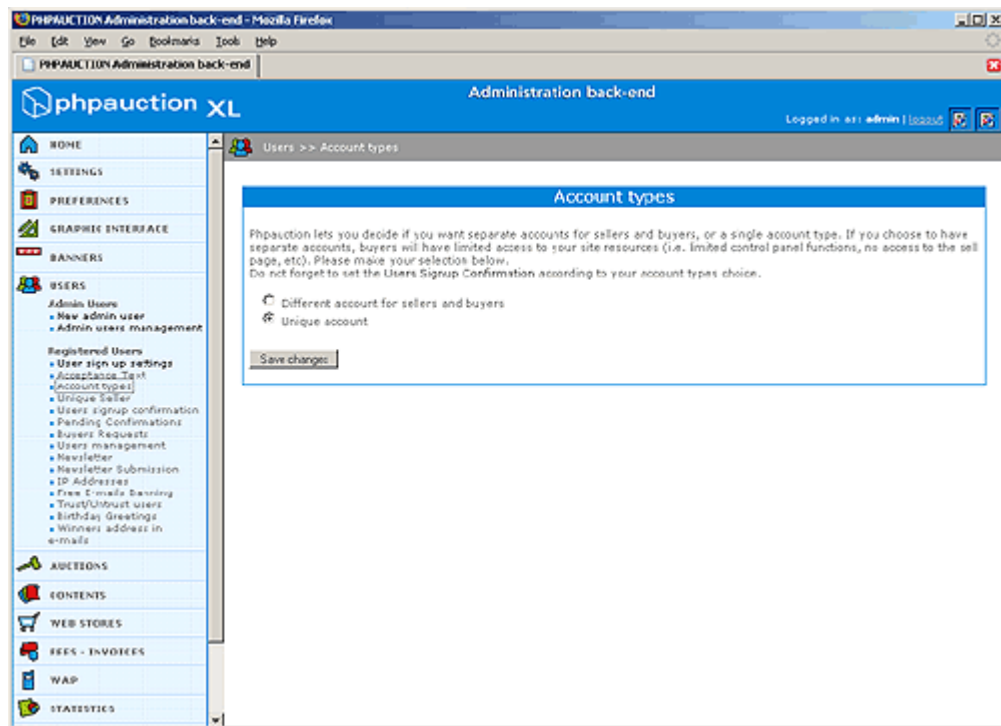


2.7.2.3 Account types

phpAuction lets you decide to have two different Users account types for sellers and buyers, or a unique account type where they will be able to buy and sell.

If you choose to have two differentiate accounts between sellers and buyers, buyers will have limited access to your site resources (i.e. the control panel functionalities will be limited, access to the sell page will be denied, etc).

Do not forget to set the Users Signup Confirmation according to your account types choice.

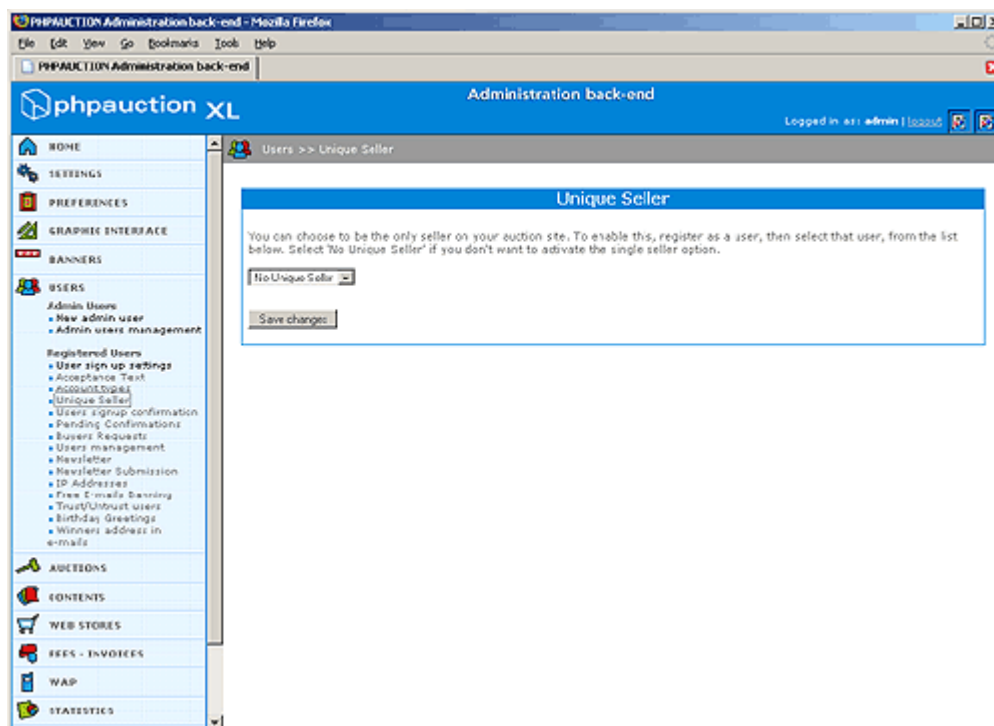


2.7.2.4 Unique Seller

You can choose to be the Only seller on your auction site. To enable this option please follow this instructions:

- Register as a user
- Select that user, from the list display in this section.

if you don't want to activate the Single seller option. Select 'No Unique Seller'.



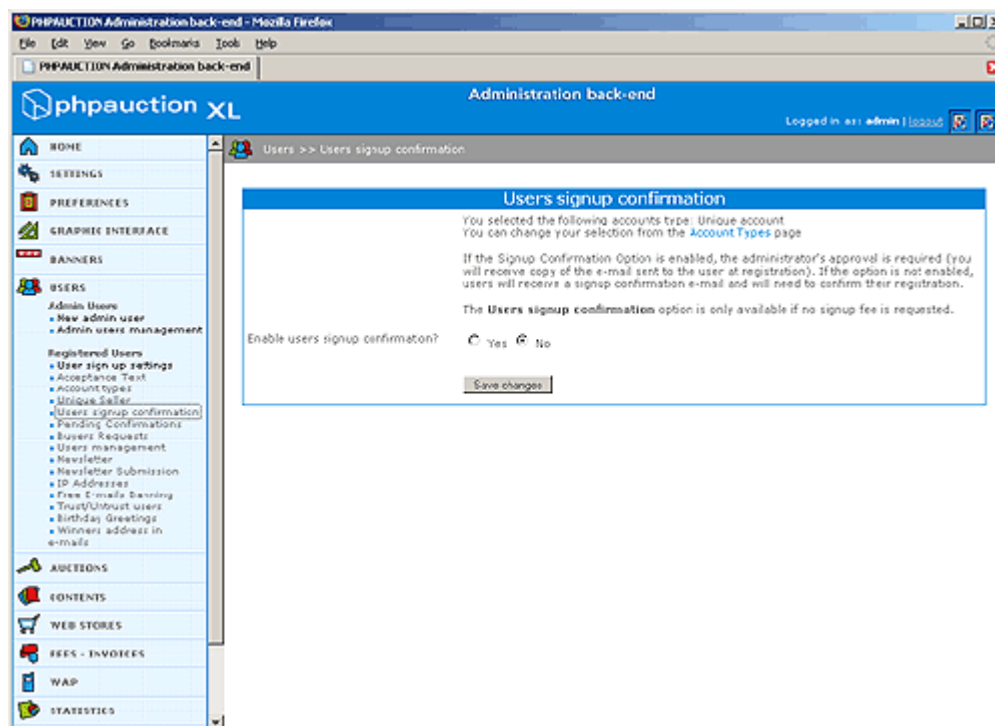
2.7.2.5 Users signup confirmation

You can set the Signup Confirmation Option according to your accounts types settings.

If enabled, users signup process will require the administrator's approval (each time a user register you will receive copy of the e-mail sent to the user). If the option is disabled, users will receive a signup confirmation e-mail and will need to confirm their registration. .

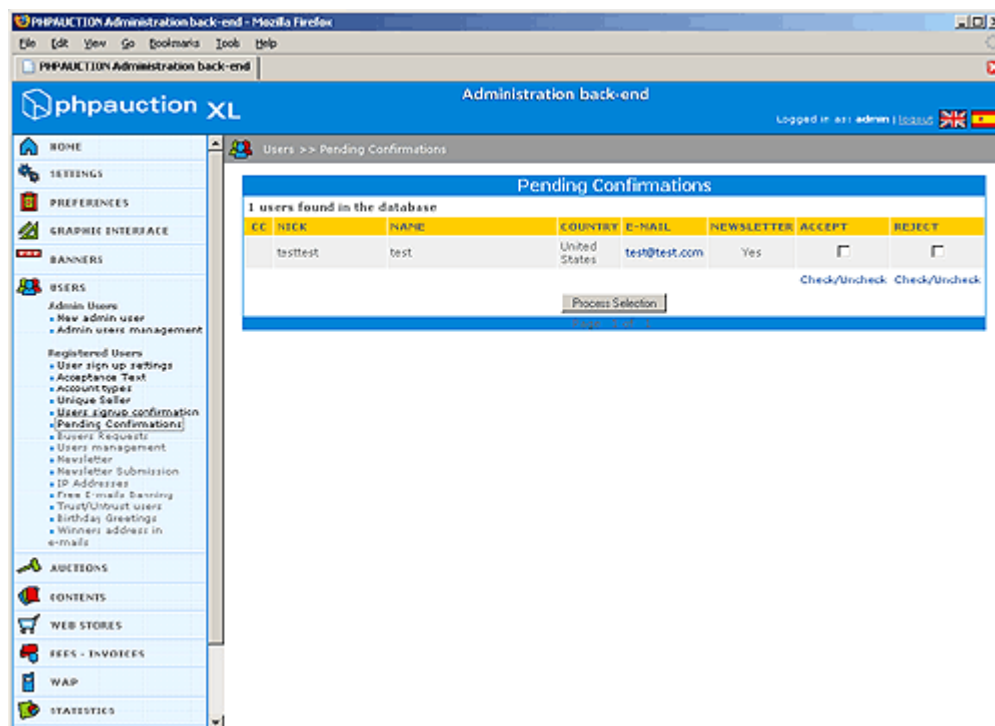
The Users signup confirmation option is only available if no signup fee is requested.

The Administrator will be able to approve the users from the [Pending Confirmation](#) ⁶⁵ section.



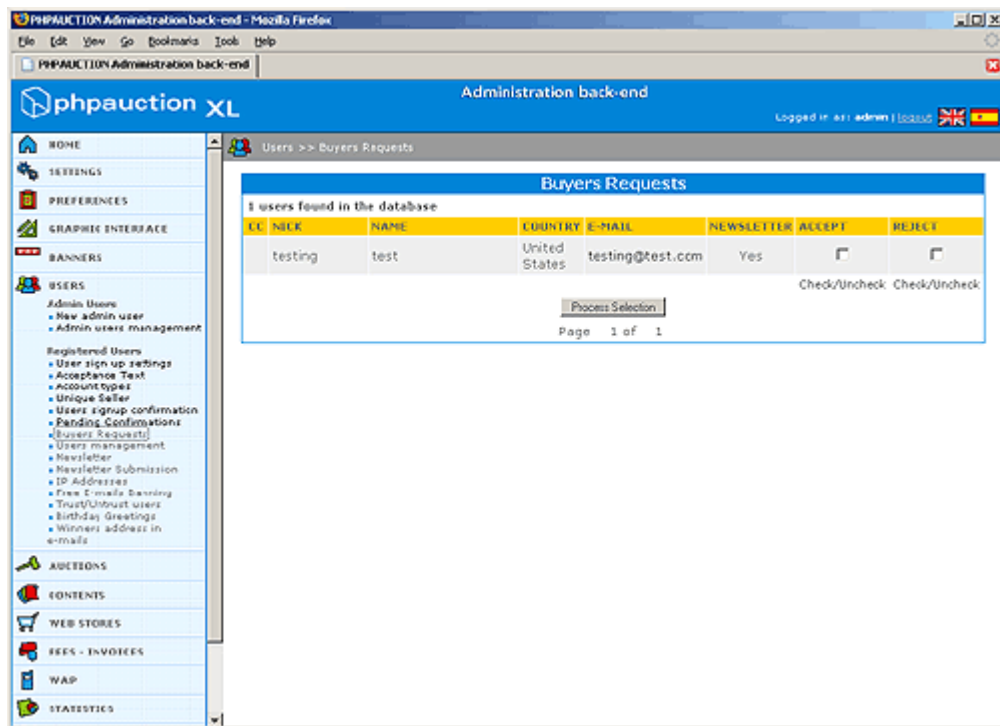
2.7.2.6 Pending confirmation

The Administrator will be able to Approve or Reject Users from this section. The main user info is display in the list, the detail info is available at the [Users management](#) ⁶⁷ section.



2.7.2.7 Buyer requests

If you have selected to have different account types for buyers and sellers, a user can request the administrator to change their account status and allow him to make both types. The list display in this section are the Users account modification request. The Administrator will be able to approve or reject the request. The main user info is display in the list, the detail info is available at the [Users management](#) ⁶⁷ section.



2.7.2.8 Users management

In this section you have unify all your Users information and the necessary tools to manage them. Also you can Export users list to Excel file and search Users account.

Users can be displayed in four groups: active, suspended, sign up fee not paid and account never confirmed. The users basic info displayed is: CC, nick, name, country, e-mail, status.

PHPAUCTION Administration back-end - Mozilla Firefox

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PHPAUCTION Administration back-end

Administration back-end

Logged in as: admin | Logout

Users >> Users management

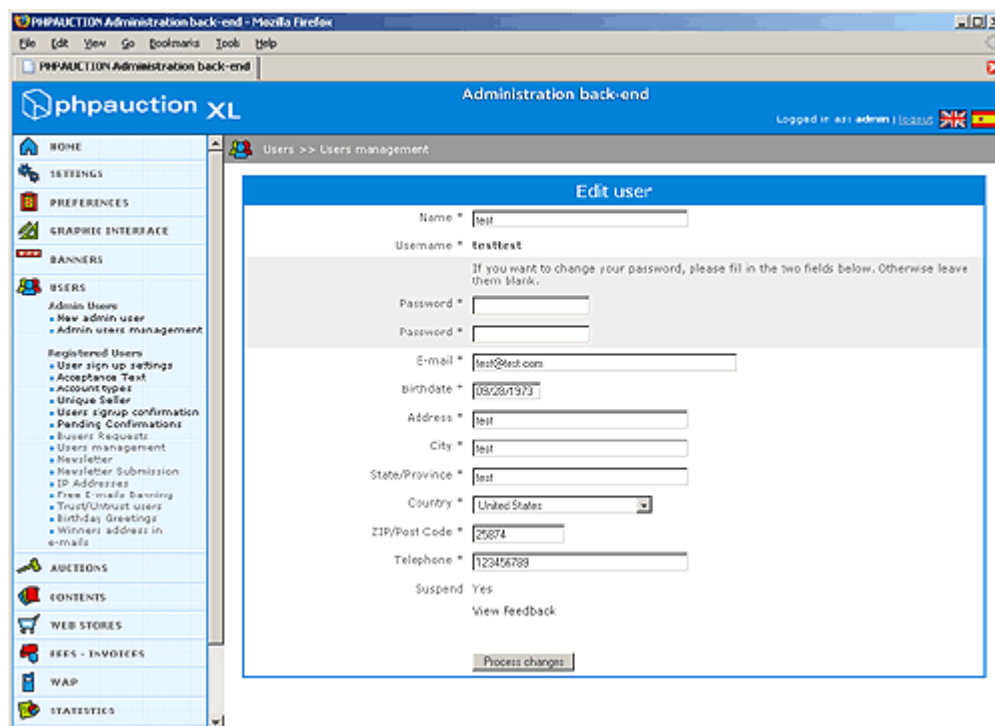
Users management

USERS SEARCH Search Name, nick or e-mail

5 users found in the database Export list to Excel file View All users

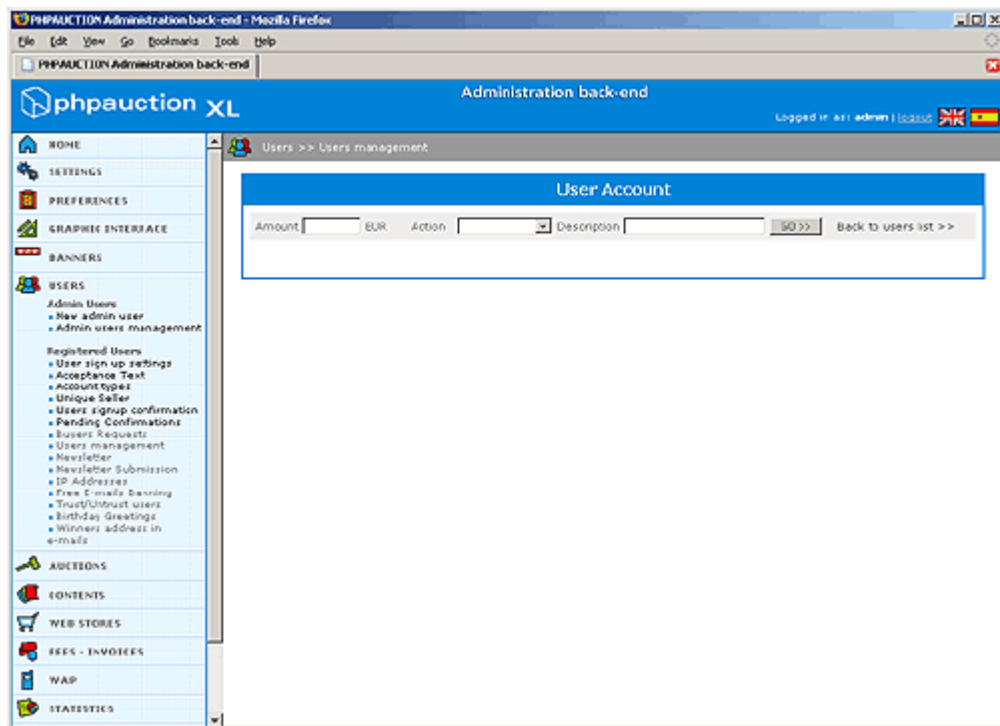
CC	NICK	NAME	COUNTRY	E-MAIL	NEWSLETTER	STATUS	ACTION
	gianluca	gianluca	United States	webmaster@phpauction.org	Yes	Active users	Edit Delete Suspend Account View auctions Sent invoices Feedback View User's IPs
	lcrona	Lorena Martinez Hier	United States	gianluca@dstable.org	No	Active users	Edit Delete Suspend Account View auctions Sent invoices Feedback View User's IPs
	tester	tester	United States	gianluca@dstable.org	Yes	Active users	Edit Delete Suspend Account View auctions Sent invoices Feedback View User's IPs
	testing	test	United States	testing@test.com	Yes	Active users	Edit Delete Suspend Account View auctions

You can activate/reactivate, delete and suspend each user account. Also Edit Users information.

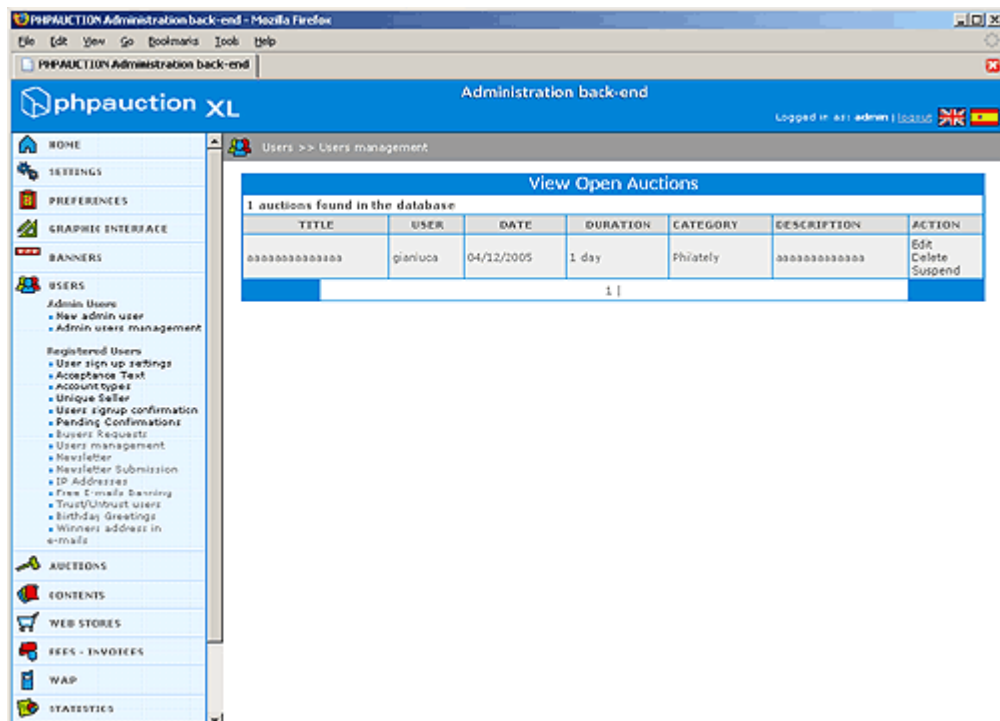


Other options available are:

- **Account:** You can add and charge credits to the user. This option is functional when Pre-Paid is selected as Payment mode to your site functionality. You need to fill all the fields in order to work properly, if one of them is missing it won't reflect the changes. To more information about the different Payment modes for your site please check the [Fees](#) ^[106] section.



- View auctions: A List of the User's open auctions. You can edit, delete and suspend them. General information for open auctions is display in the [View Open Auctions](#) ⁸² section.

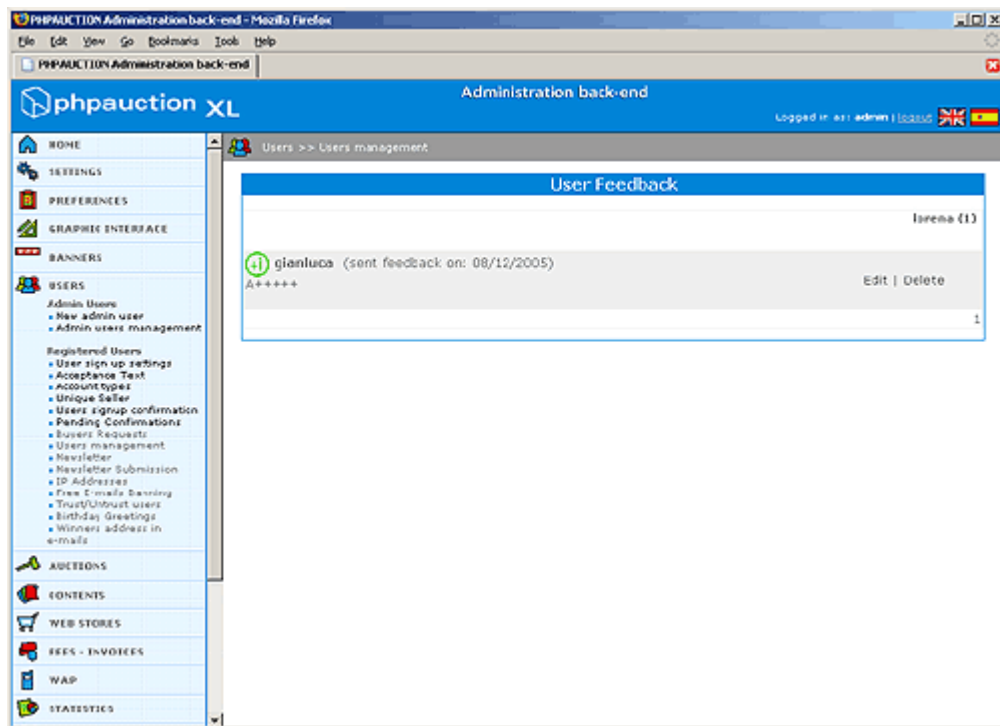


- Sent invoices: Select Sent the User's invoices. This option is functional when Invoices is selected as Payment mode to your site functionality. General information for Invoices is display in the [Invoices](#)^[107] section.

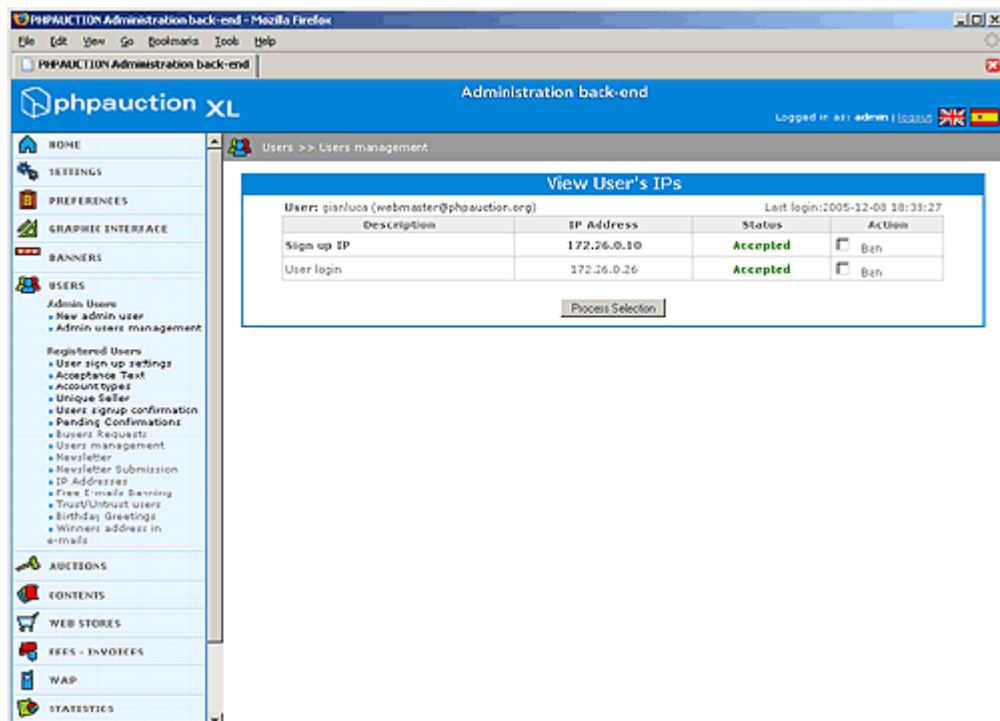
The screenshot shows the 'phpAuction Administration back-end' interface in a Mozilla Firefox browser. The page title is 'Administration back-end' and it shows the user is logged in as 'admin'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like HOME, SETTINGS, PREFERENCES, GRAPHIC INTERFACE, BANNERS, USERS, AUCTIONS, CONTENTS, WEB STORES, FEES - INVOICES, WAP, and STATISTICS. The 'USERS' category is expanded, showing options for Admin Users, Registered Users, and Pending Confirmations. The main content area is titled 'Users >> Users management' and displays a table of 'Sent invoices'. The table has columns for Invoice #, Date, Customer, Total, and a Delete button. There are 2 invoices listed, both for the customer 'gianluca'. The first invoice is dated 09/16/2005 with a total of 9.88 EUR. The second invoice is dated 09/16/2005 with a total of 0.98 EUR. A 'Back to users list >>' link is visible at the top right of the table.

Invoice #	Date	Customer	Total	Delete
1	09/16/2005	gianluca	9.88 EUR	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	09/16/2005	gianluca	0.98 EUR	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Feedback: You can view and Edit Users Feedback.

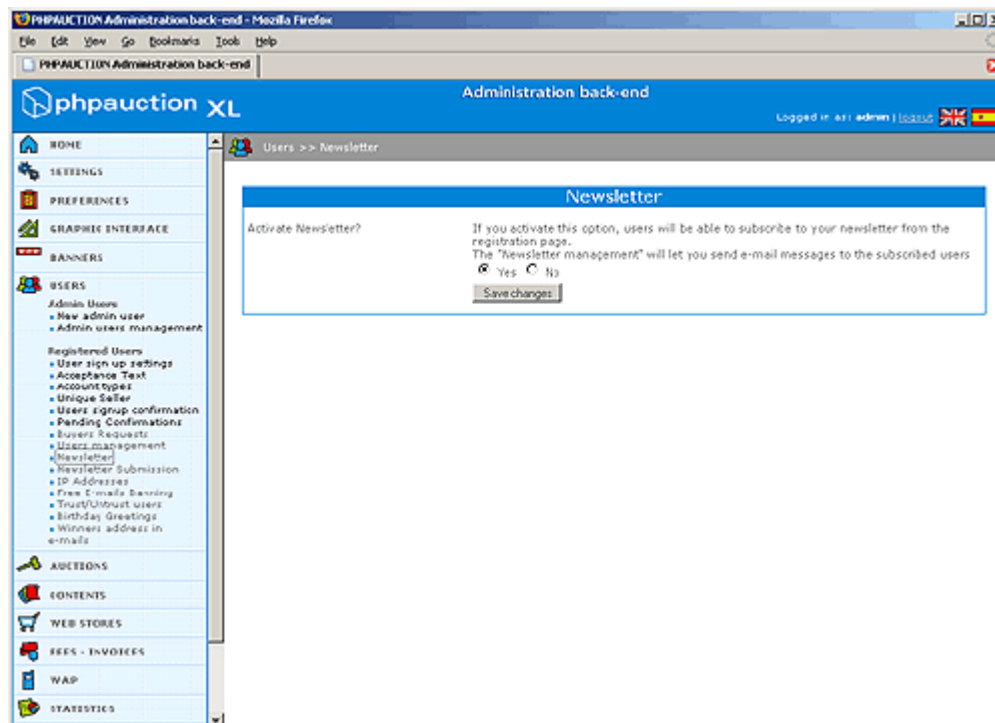


- View User's IP: You can view each User IP, also ban it. General information for IP addresses is display in the [IP addresses](#) section.



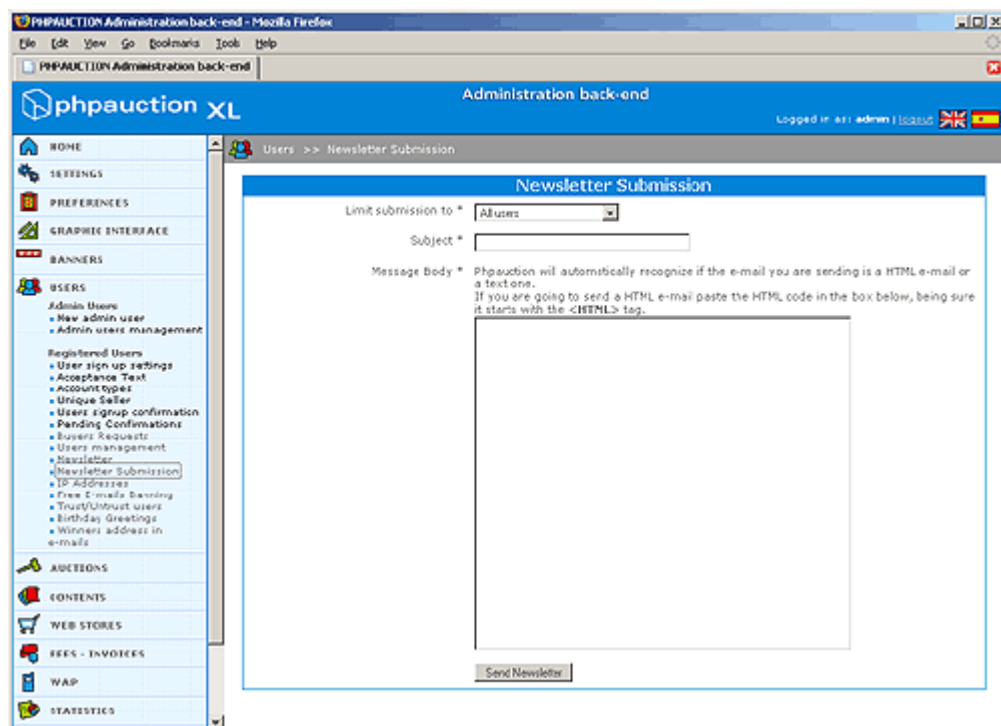
2.7.2.9 Newsletter

If you activate this option users will be able to subscribe to your newsletter from the registration page. The [Newsletter submission](#)⁷³ will let you send e-mail messages to the subscribed users.



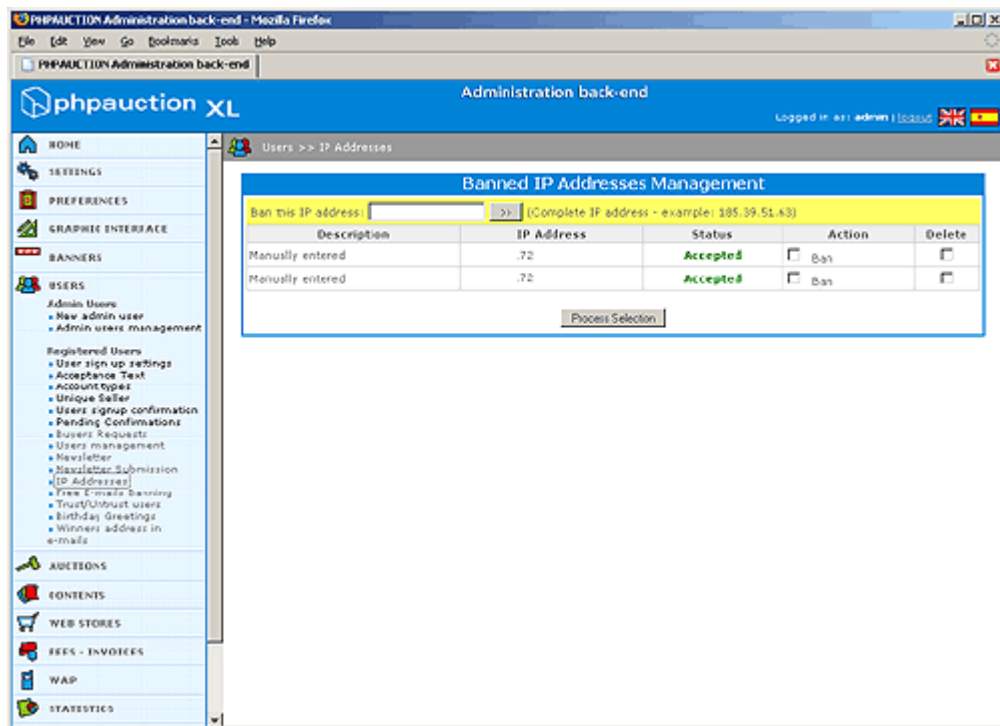
2.7.2.10 Newsletter submission

This section allows you to create a newsletter and send it to your users (e-mail marketing tool). Newsletter can be send to four users groups: active, suspended, sign up fee not paid and account never confirmed. phpAuction will automatically recognize if the e-mail you are sending is a HTML e-mail or a text one.



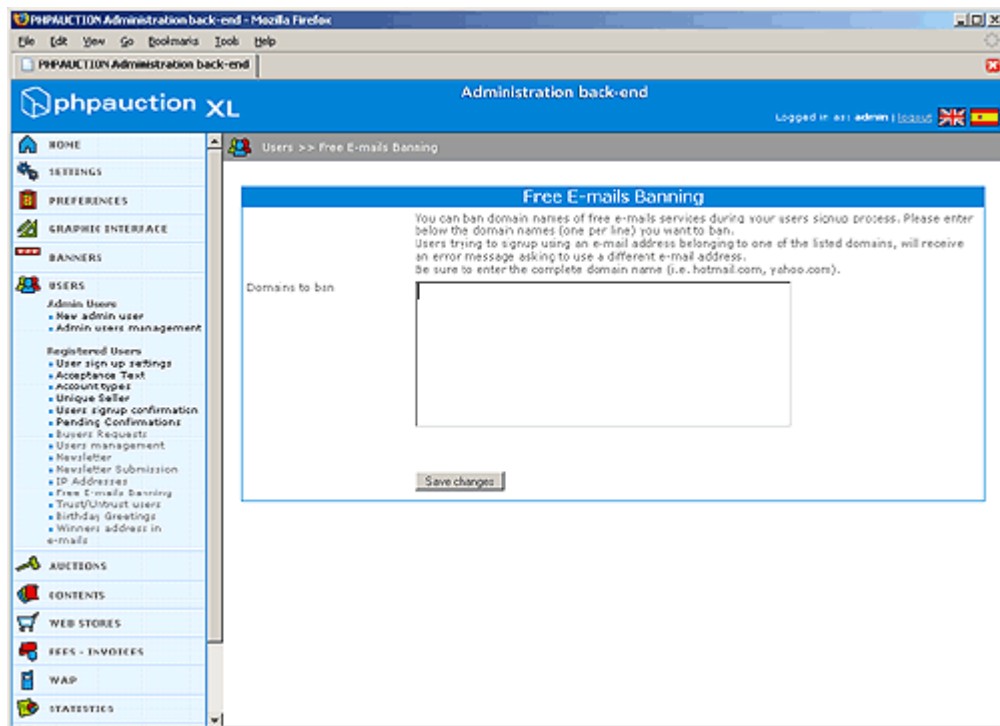
2.7.2.11 IP Addresses

At this section you manage the Banned IP Addresses feature. By Banning an IP address won't allow access to the site from that IP. This is recommend for a security measure if you detect fraudulent behaviours from an specific IP.



2.7.2.12 Free E-mails Banning

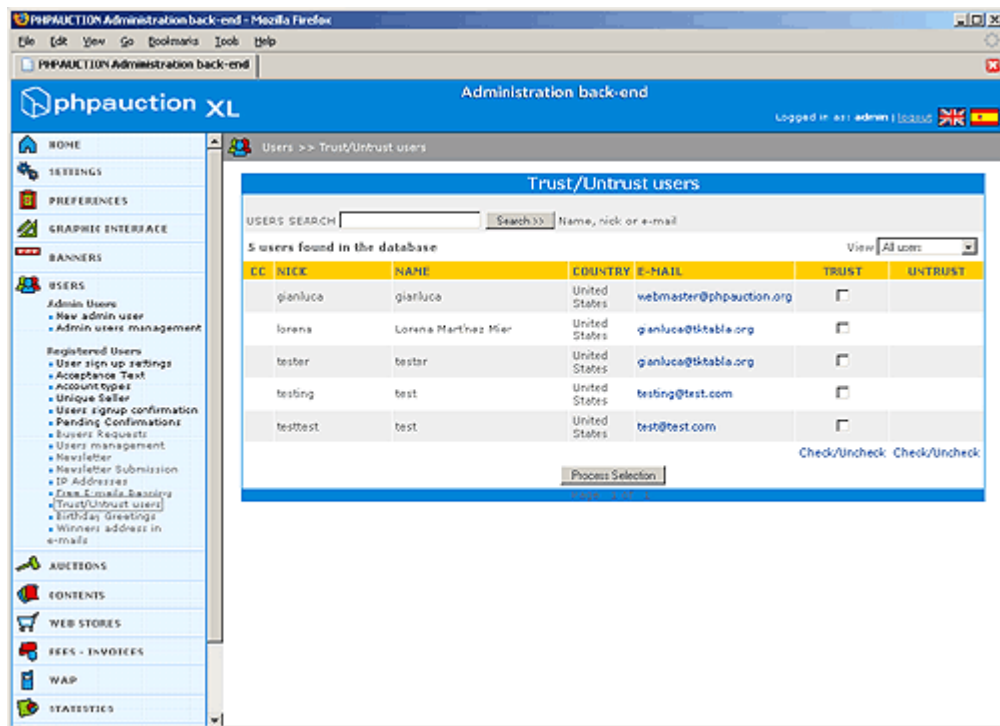
You can Ban domain names of free e-mails services during your users signup process. Enter the domain names (one per line) you want to ban. Users trying to signup using an e-mail address belonging to one of the listed domains, will receive an error message asking to use a different e-mail address. Be sure to enter the complete domain name (i.e. hotmail.com, yahoo.com).



2.7.2.13 Trust/Untrust users

With the option the users can be Certified as Trust users by the Administrator. It is a manually option and depend on each Administrator decision to use them and the necessary requirements.

If you certified a Trust User a Trust user icon will be show in the Users profile.

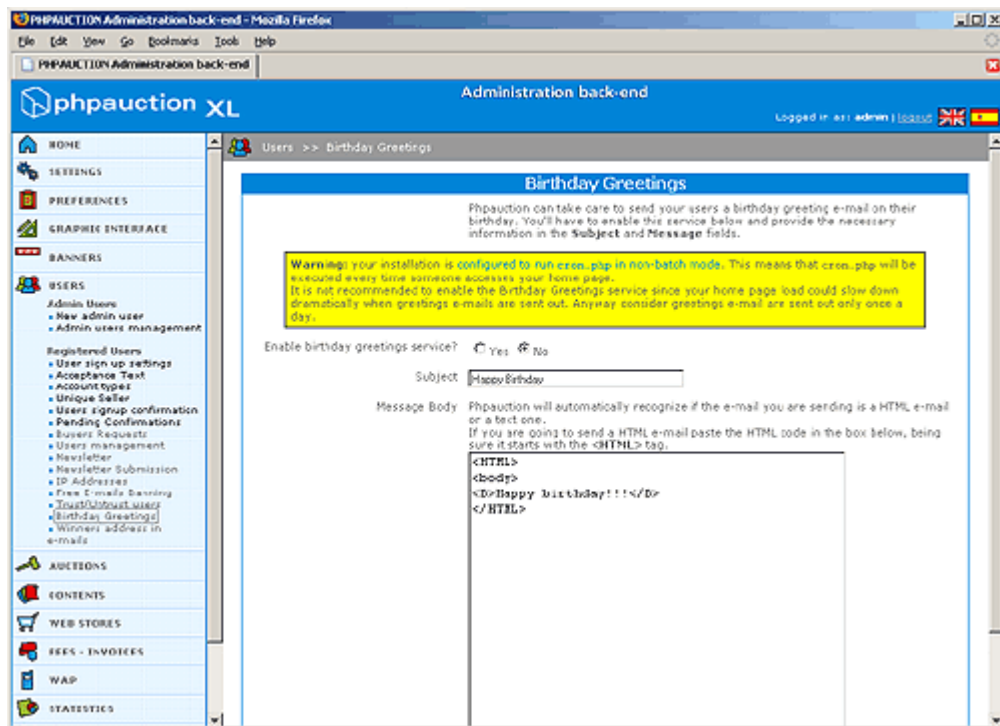


2.7.2.14 Birthday Greetings

phpAuction can take care to send your users a birthday greeting e-mail on their birthday (CRM tool). You'll have to enable this service below and provide the necessary information in the Subject and Message fields.

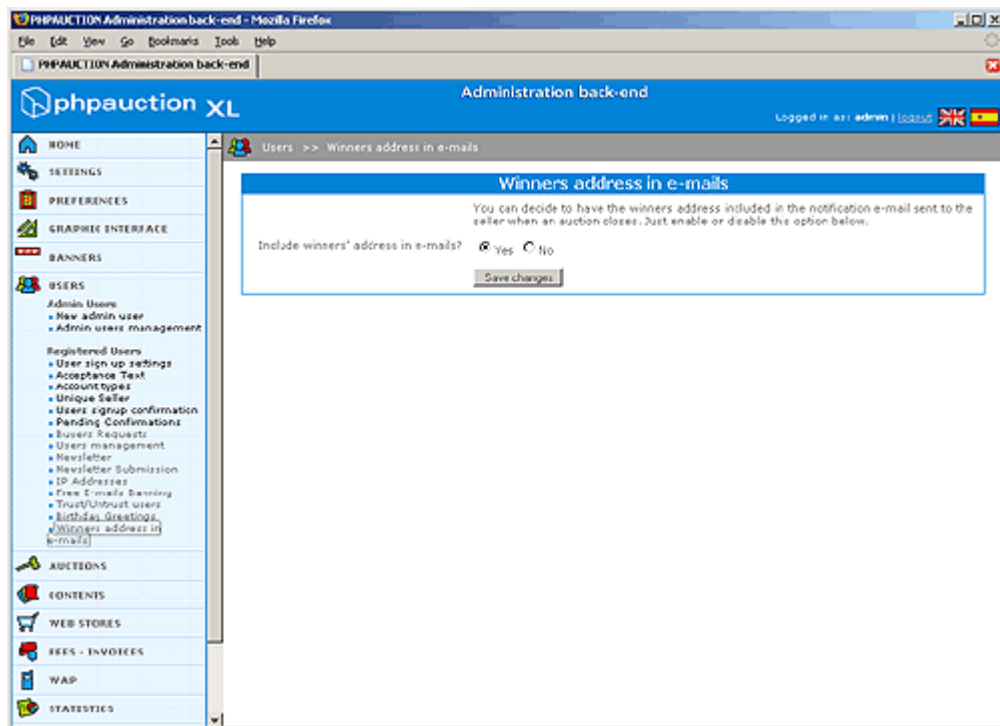
Warning: If your installation is configured to run cron.php in non-batch mode. This means that cron.php will be executed every time someone accesses your home page. It is not recommended to enable the Birthday Greetings service since your home page load could slow down dramatically when greetings e-mails are sent out. Anyway consider greetings e-mail are sent out only once a day.

phpAuction will automatically recognize if the e-mail you are sending is a HTML e-mail or a text one.



2.7.2.15 Winners address in e-mails

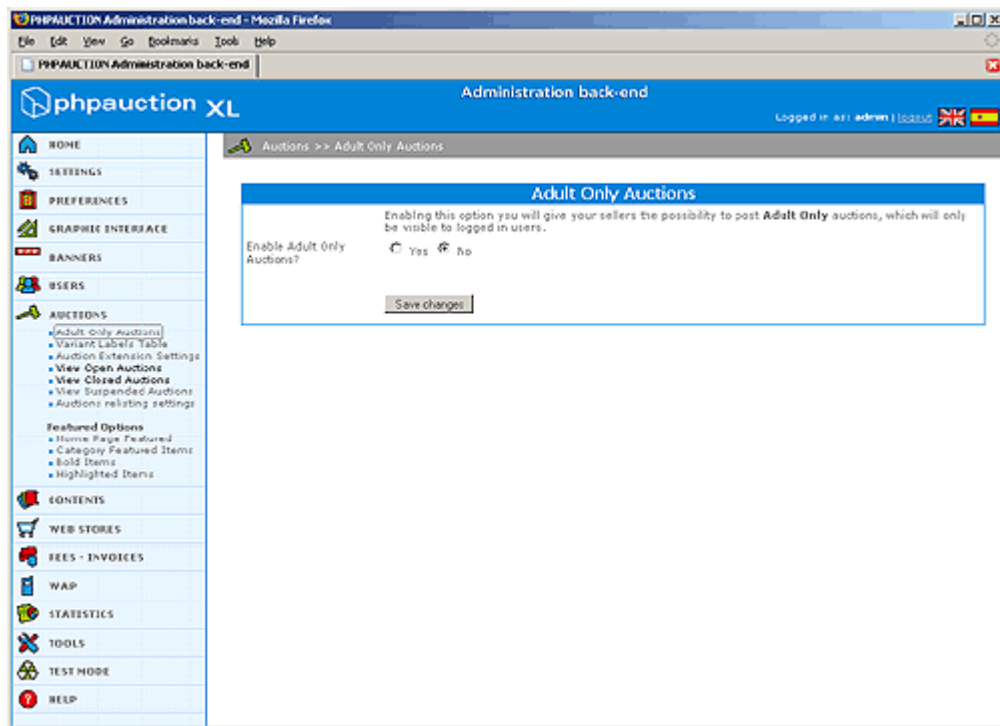
You can decide to have the winners address included in the notification e-mail sent to the seller when an auction closes. All the winners information is also display in the Users Control Panel.



2.8 Auctions

2.8.1 Adult Only Auctions

This option give your sellers the possibility to post Adult Only auctions, which will only be visible to logged in users. Since it is necessary to be 18 years minimum by default to register in the site.



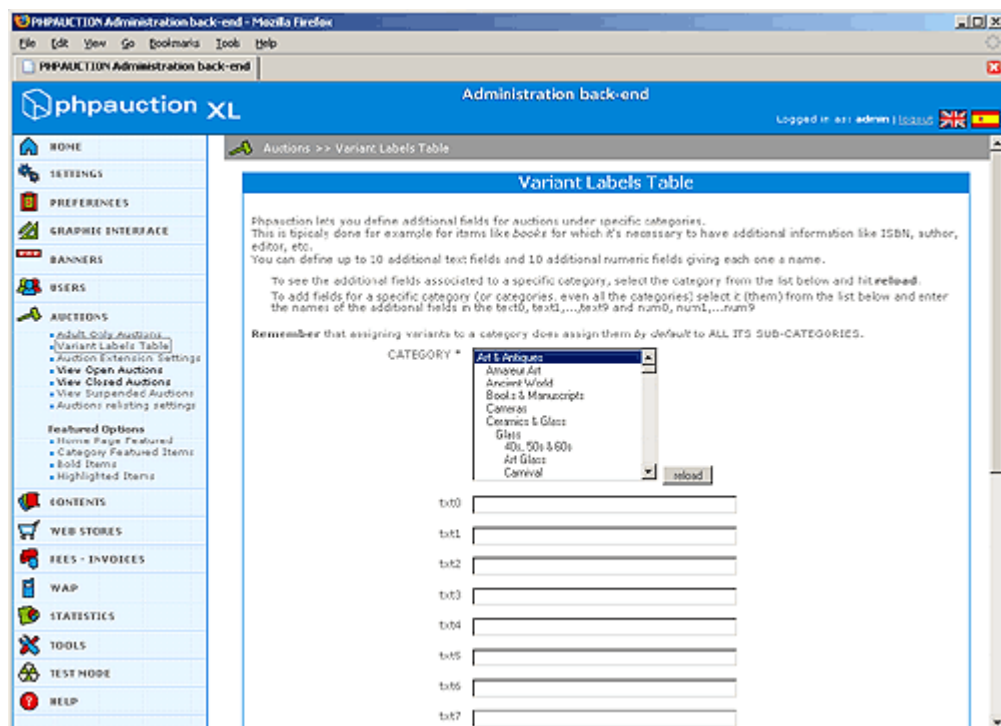
2.8.2 Auction form customization

phpAuction lets you define Additional fields for auctions under specific categories. This is typically done for example for items like books for which it's necessary to have additional information like ISBN, author, editor, etc.

You can define up to 10 additional text fields and 10 additional numeric fields giving each one a name.

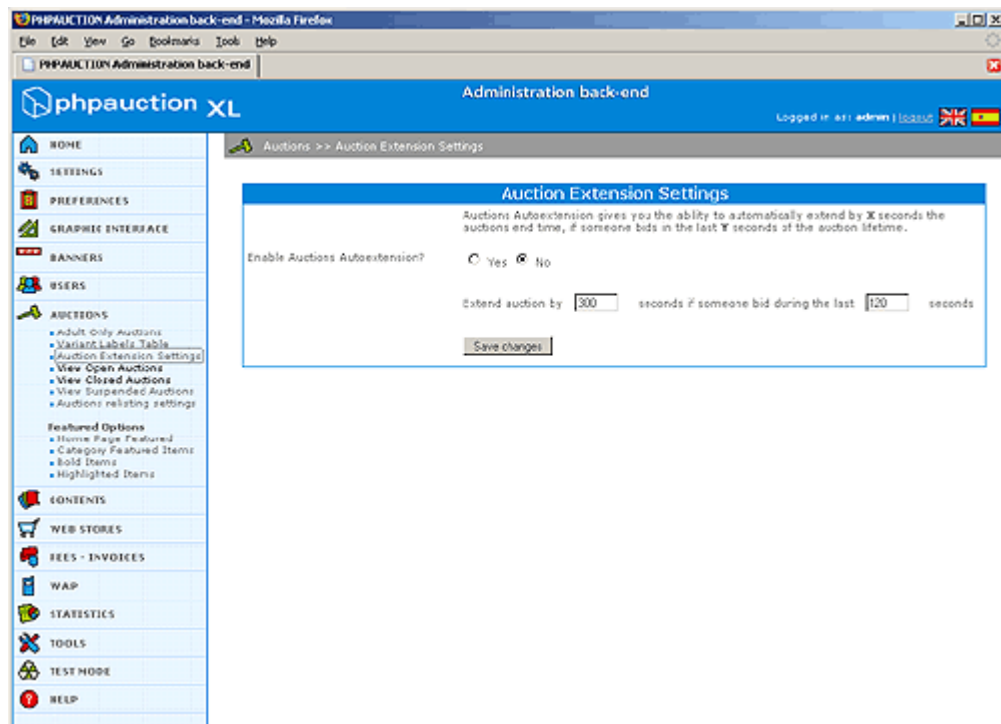
- To see the additional fields associated to a specific category, select the category from the list below and hit reload.
- To add fields for a specific category (or categories, even all the categories) select it (them) from the list below and enter the names of the additional fields in the text0, text1,...,text9 and num0, num1,...,num9

Remember that assigning variants to a category does assign them by default to ALL ITS SUB CATEGORIES



2.8.3 Auction extension settings

Auctions Autoextension gives you the ability to automatically extend by x seconds the auctions end time, if someone bids in the last y seconds of the auction lifetime. You can set the intervals to your needs.



2.8.4 View open auctions

List of the open auctions. Display the following information: title, user, date, duration, category and description.

PHPAUCTION Administration back-end - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Help

PHPAUCTION Administration back-end

Administration back-end

Logged in as: admin | Logout

Auctions >> View Open Auctions

View Open Auctions

1 auctions found in the database | Export list to Excel file

TITLE	USER	DATE	DURATION	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
test	lorena	09/12/2005	1 day	Amateur Art	test	Edit Delete Suspend

1 |

ACTIONS

- Adult Only Auctions
- Variant Labels Table
- Auction Extension Settings
- View Open Auctions
- View Closed Auctions
- View Suspended Auctions
- Auctions relating settings

Featured Options

- Home Page Featured
- Category Featured Items
- Sold Items
- Highlighted Items

CONTENTS

- WEB STORES
- FEES - INVOICES
- WAP
- STATISTICS
- TOOLS
- TEST MODE
- HELP

It is possible to edit, suspend and delete each auction. Also Export open auctions list to Excel file.

PHPAUCTION Administration back-end - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Help

PHPAUCTION Administration back-end

Administration back-end

Logged in as: admin | Logout

Auctions >> Edit auction

Edit auction

TITLE * test

USER * loren

DATE * 09/12/2005

DURATION * 1 day

CATEGORY * Amateur Art

DESCRIPTION * test

Country * United States

CURRENT BID * 0.0000

MINIMUM BID * 1.0000

QUANTITY * 1

RESERVE PRICE * 0.0000

Euy Now Price * 0.0000

Suspend No

Home Page Featured Item

2.8.5 View closed auctions

List of the closed auctions. Display the info: title, user, date, duration, category and description.

View Closed Auctions

3 auctions found in the database | Export list to Excel file

TITLE	USER	DATE	DURATION	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
XXXXXXXXXX	gianluca	08/12/2005	1 day	Philately	XXXXXXXXXX	Edit Delete Suspend Winners
XXXXXXXXXXXX	gianluca	04/12/2005	1 day	Philately	XXXXXXXXXXXX	Edit Delete Suspend Winners
test	gianluca	06/12/2005	2 days	Amateur Art	test	Edit Delete Suspend Winners

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It is possible to edit, suspend, delete and winners information of each auction. The Winners information shows all the auctions details, winners information and Bid history. Also Export closed auctions list to Excel file.

The screenshot shows the 'phpAuction Administration back-end' interface. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like HOME, SETTINGS, PREFERENCES, GRAPHIC INTERFACE, BANNERS, USERS, AUCTIONS, Featured Options, CONTENTS, WEB STORES, FEES - INVOICES, WAP, STATISTICS, TOOLS, TEST MODE, and HELP. The main content area is titled 'Auctions >> View Winners' and displays details for 'Auction ID: 34'. The details include the auction title, seller, starting bid, start and end dates, and type. Below this, there are two tables: 'Winners details' and 'Complete Bids History', both showing a single entry for 'Iorena (Lorena Martinez Mier)' with a winning bid of 10.00 EUR.

Auction Details:

- Auction ID: 34
- Auction's title: test
- Seller: gianluca (gianluca)
- Starting bid: 1.00 EUR
- Auction started: 12/28/2005
- Auction ended: 12/13/2005
- Auction's type: Standard auction

Winners details

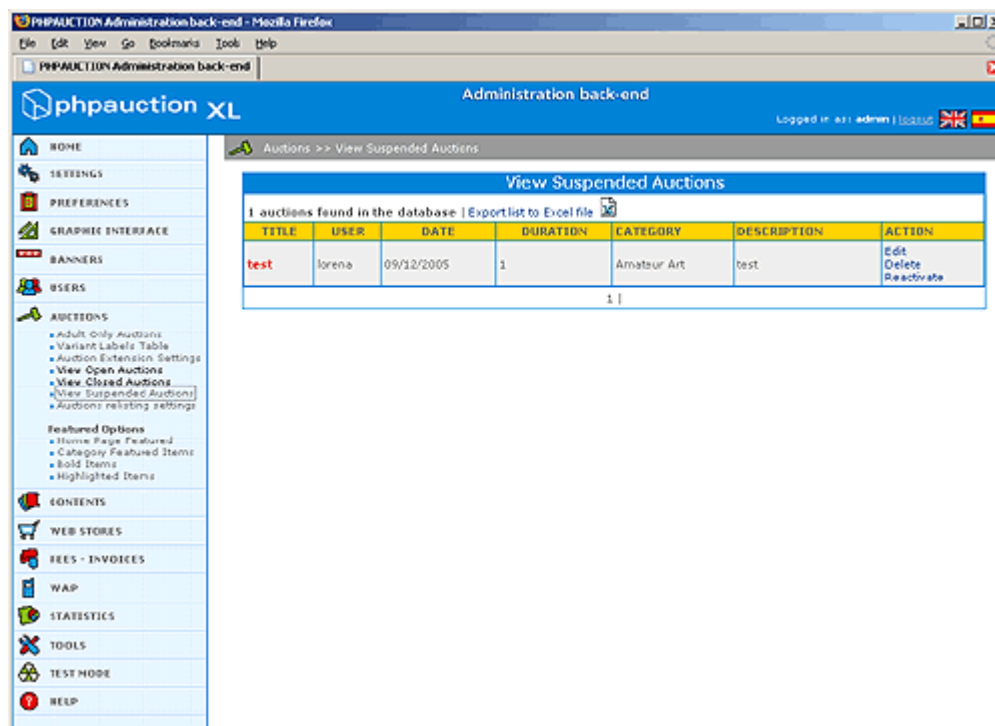
Bidder	Winning bid	Quantity
Iorena (Lorena Martinez Mier)	10.00 EUR	--

Complete Bids History

Bidder	Winning bid	Quantity
Iorena (Lorena Martinez Mier)	10.00 EUR	--

2.8.6 View suspended auctions

List of the suspended auctions. Display the info: title, user, date, duration, category and description. It is possible to edit, delete and reactivate each auction. Also Export suspend auctions list to Excel file.



2.8.7 Bids Retraction

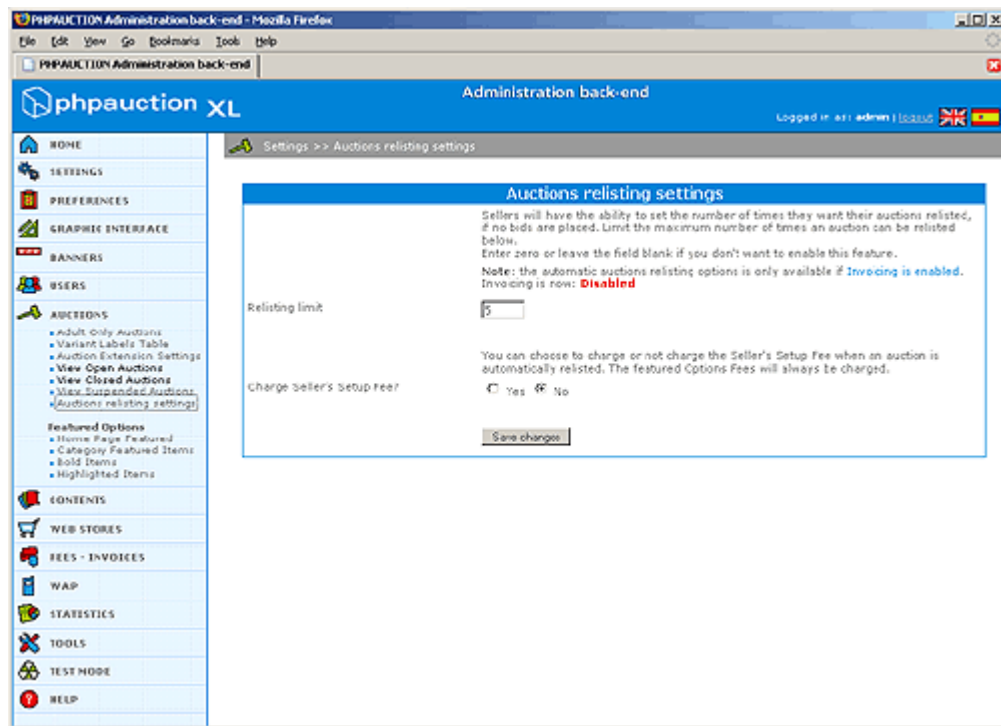
As the administrator of the site, you have the possibility to retract/delete the last bid placed on an auction. This is useful when bidders enter a wrong amount for their bid and realize of the error soon after. Only the last bid can be deleted.

To retract a bid enter the auction id.

2.8.8 Auction relisting settings

Sellers will have the ability to set the number of times they want their auctions relisted, if no bids are placed. You can limit the maximum number of times an auction can be relisted. Enter zero or leave the field blank if you don't want to enable this feature. Also you can choose to charge or not charge the Seller's Setup Fee when an auction is automatically relisted. The featured Options Fees will always be charged.

Note: the automatic auctions relisting options is only available if Invoicing is enabled.



2.8.9 Edit questions and answers in auctions

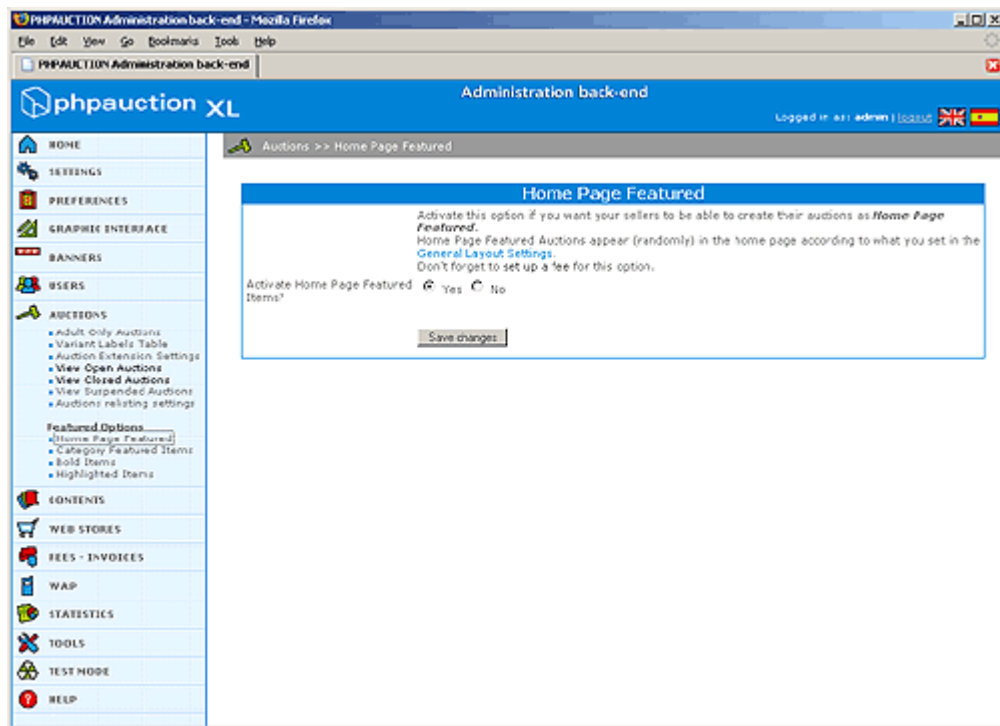
As the administrator of the site, you have the possibility to edit the questions and answers placed on an auction.

To edit them enter the auction id.

2.8.10 Featured options

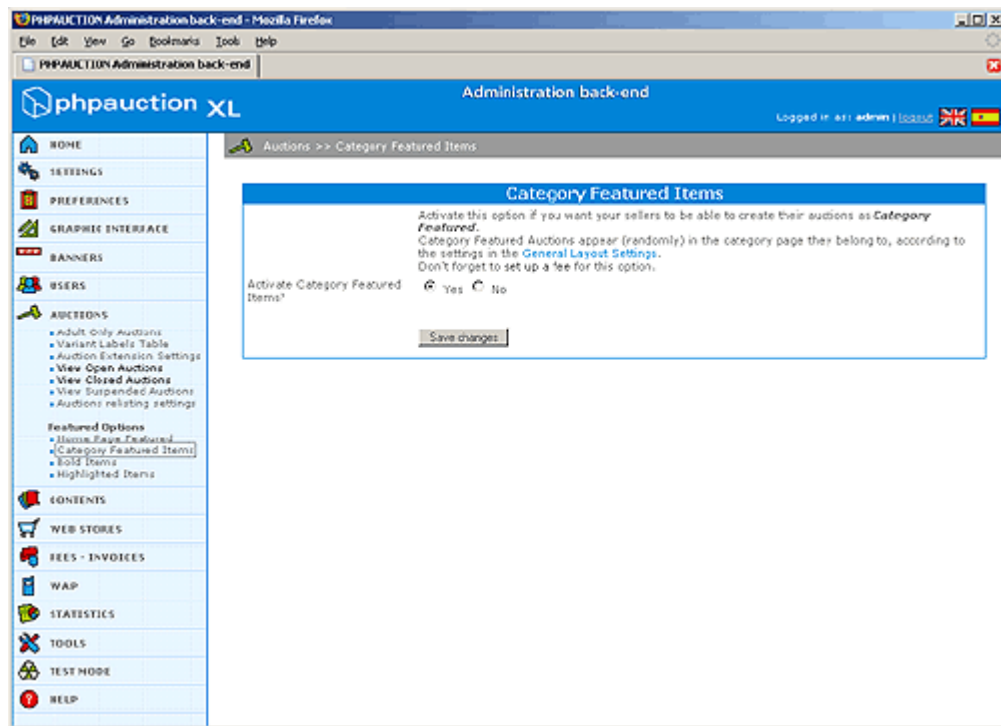
2.8.10.1 Home page featured item

You can allow your sellers to be able to create their auctions as *Home Page Featured*. Auctions will appear randomly in the home page according to what you set in the [General Layout Settings](#)^[50]. You can set up a fee for this option on the [Fees](#)^[123] section.



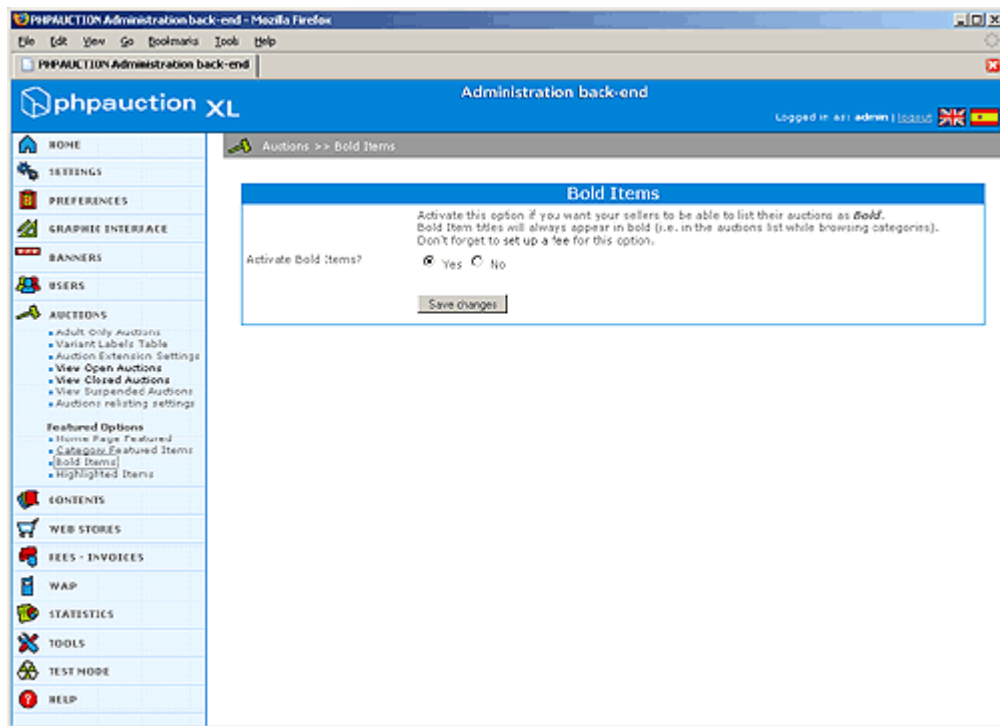
2.8.10.2 Category featured item

You can allow your sellers to be able to create their auctions as *Category Featured*. Auctions will appear randomly in the home page according to what you set in the [General Layout Settings](#)^[50]. You can set up a fee for this option in the [Fees](#)^[124] section.



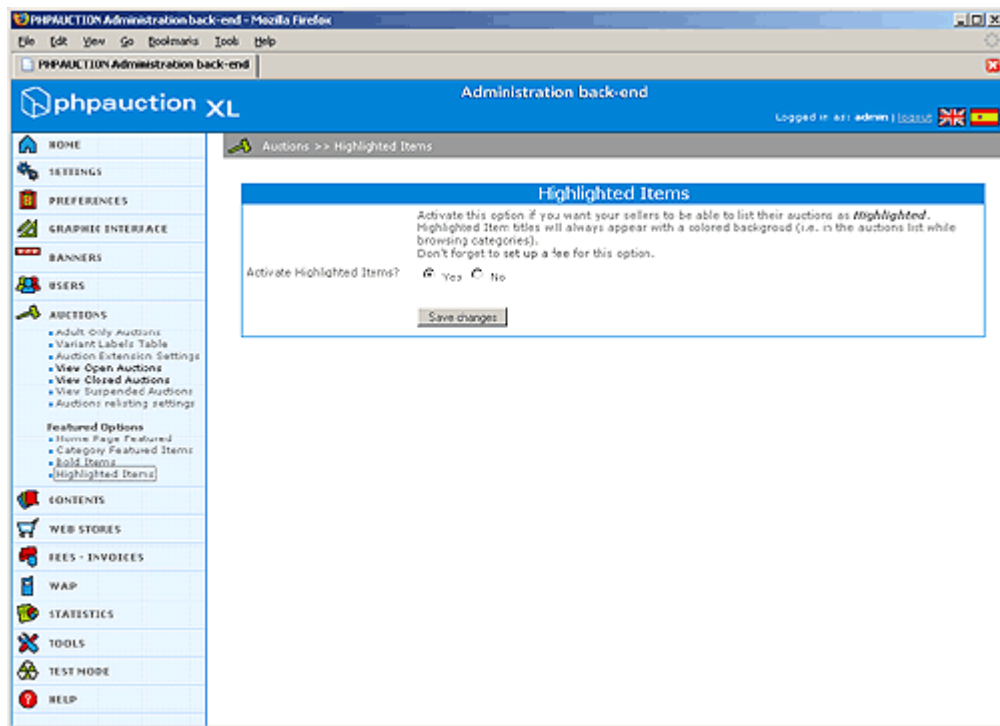
2.8.10.3 Bold items

You can allow your sellers to be able to list their auctions as *Bold*. Auctions titles will always appear in bold (i.e. in the auctions list while browsing categories). You can set up a fee for this option in the [Fees](#)^[124] section.



2.8.10.4 Highlighted items

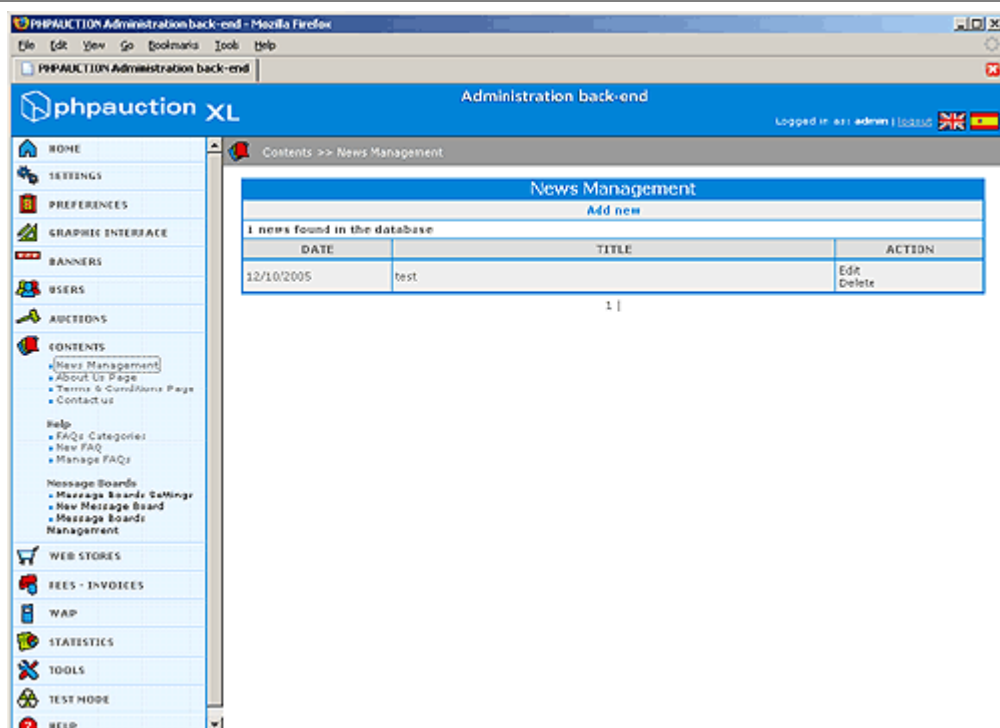
You can allow your sellers to be able to list their auctions as *Highlighted*. Auctions titles will always appear in bold (i.e. in the auctions list while browsing categories). You can set up a fee for this option in the [Fees](#) section.



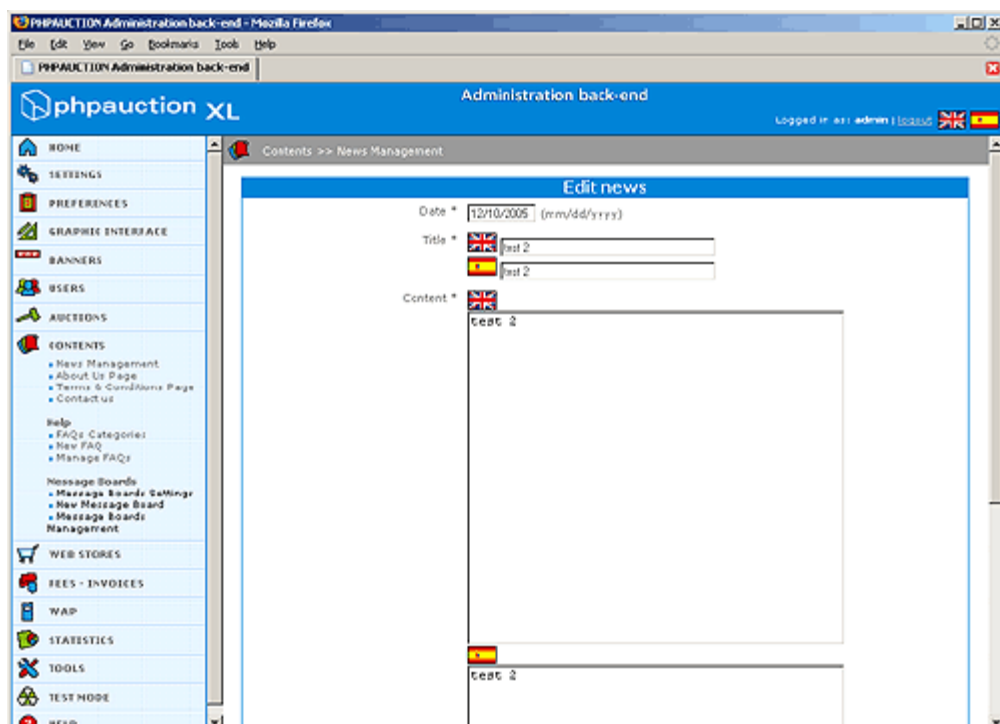
2.9 Contents

2.9.1 News management

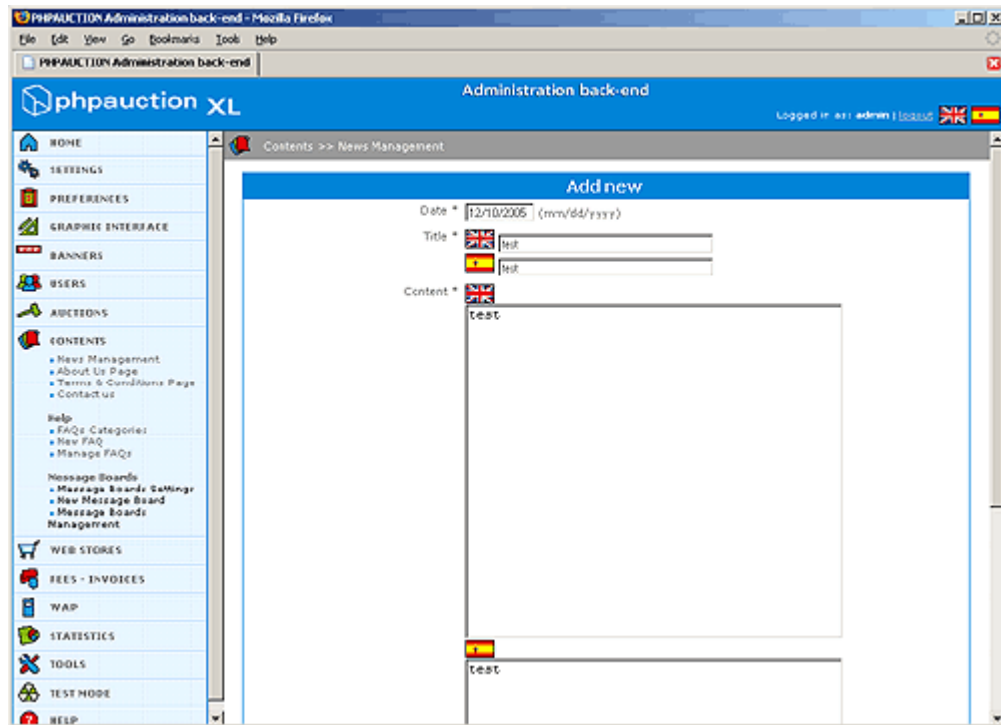
List of the news displayed at the site. Shows the info date and title. They can be active (display on the News section) or not active (it won't be available).



Also the possibility of Edit or Delete News.



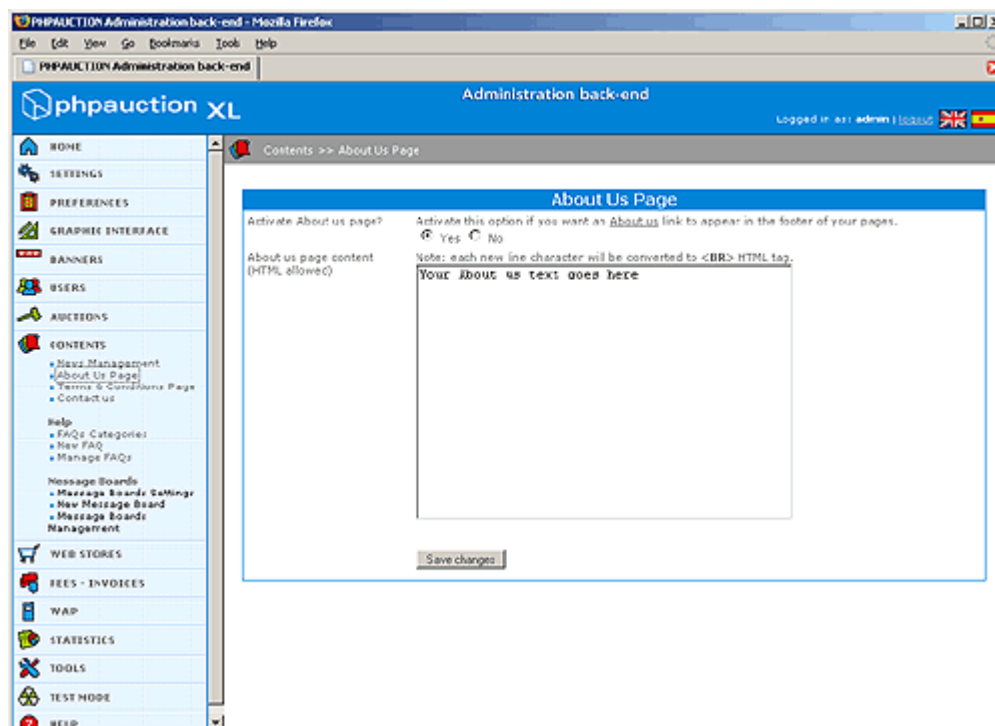
To Add a News click on Add a New at the bottom of the page. This is the section you use to Translate News into your other languages.



2.9.2 About us page

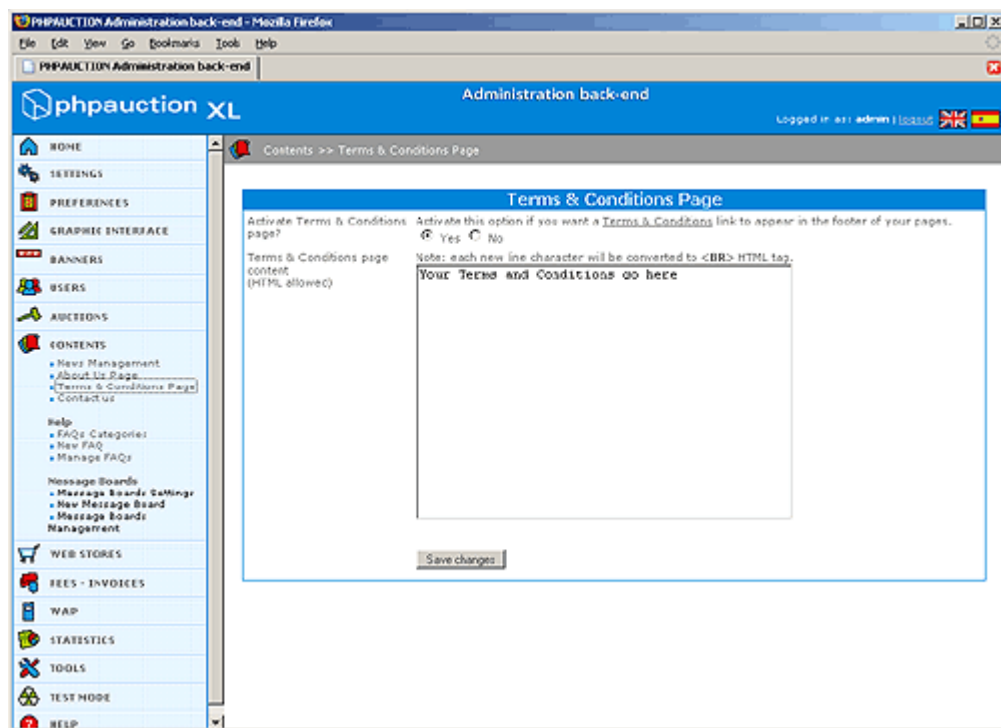
Possibility of activate this option to show an *About us* link in the footer of pages. This section is normally use to give auction's site owner information. You can enter as much information necessary about your website and team.

The *About us* page content can contained HTML tags. Each new line character will be converted to
 HTML tag.



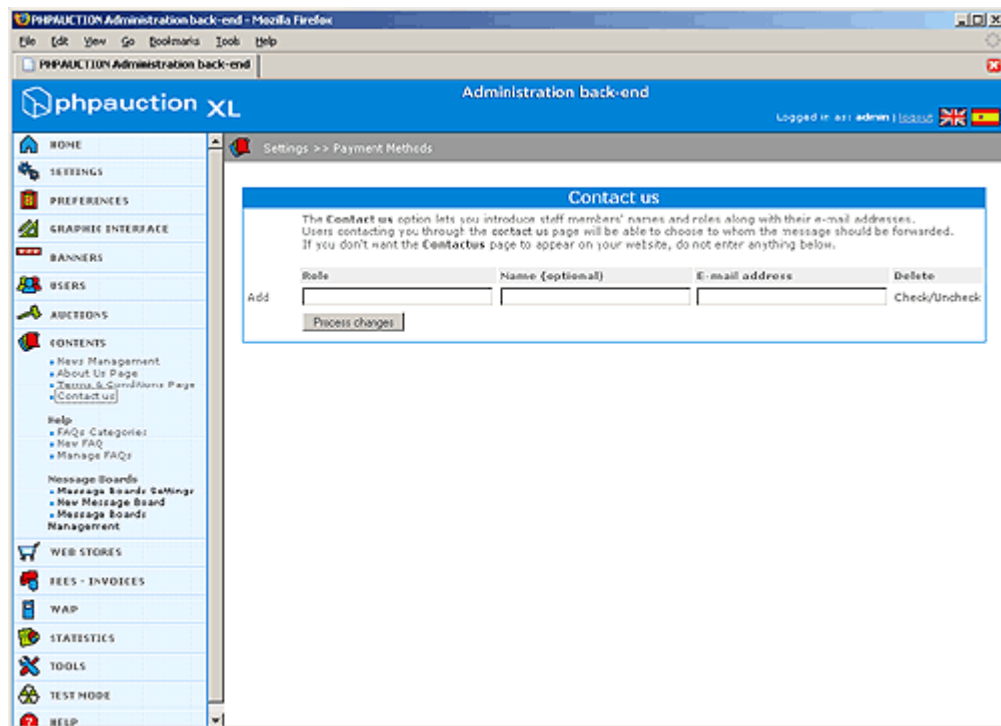
2.9.3 Terms & conditions page

You can show a *Terms & conditions* link in the footer of pages. This section should contain all the info related the use of your website, like in the [Acceptance text](#) ^[61] you can display legal notes. The *Terms & conditions* page content can contained HTML tags. Each new line character will be converted to
 HTML tag.



2.9.4 Contact us

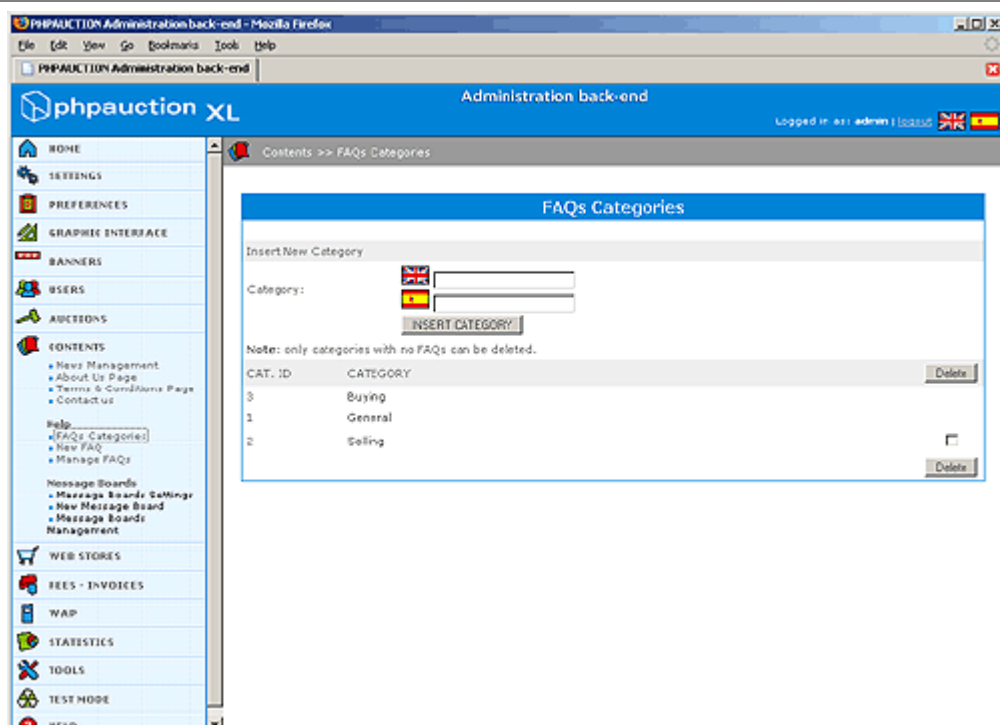
The Contact us option lets you introduce staff members' names and roles along with their e-mail addresses. Users contacting you through the Contact us page will be able to choose to whom the message should be forwarded. this information can be modified and delete. If you don't want the Contact us page to appear on your website, do not enter anything in this section.



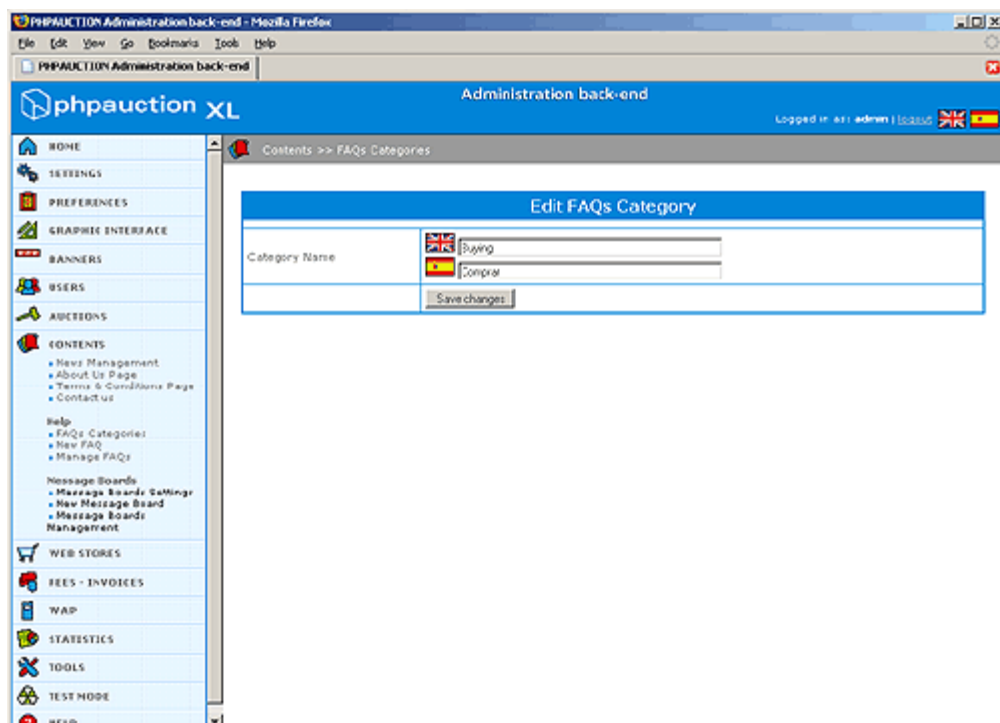
2.9.5 Help

2.9.5.1 FAQs categories

List of the FAQ's categories with category ID, name. You can to Delete FAQ's categories, but only those with no FAQ's. Also you have the option to Insert new FAQ's category. This is the section you use to Translate FAQ's categories into your other languages.

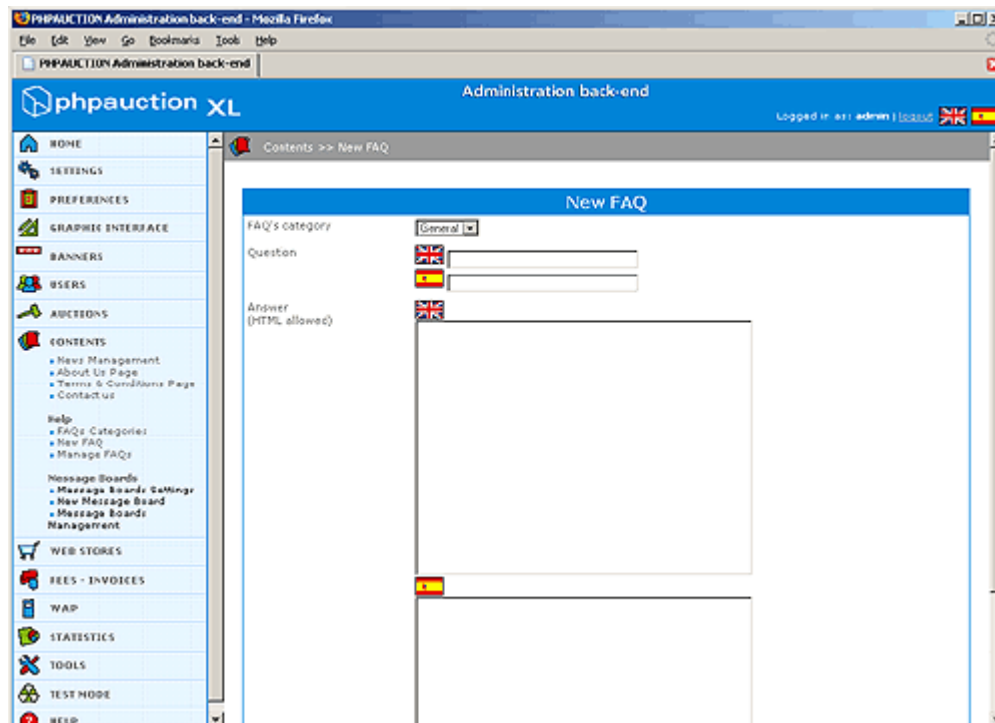


To Edit t FAQ's category name just click on it.



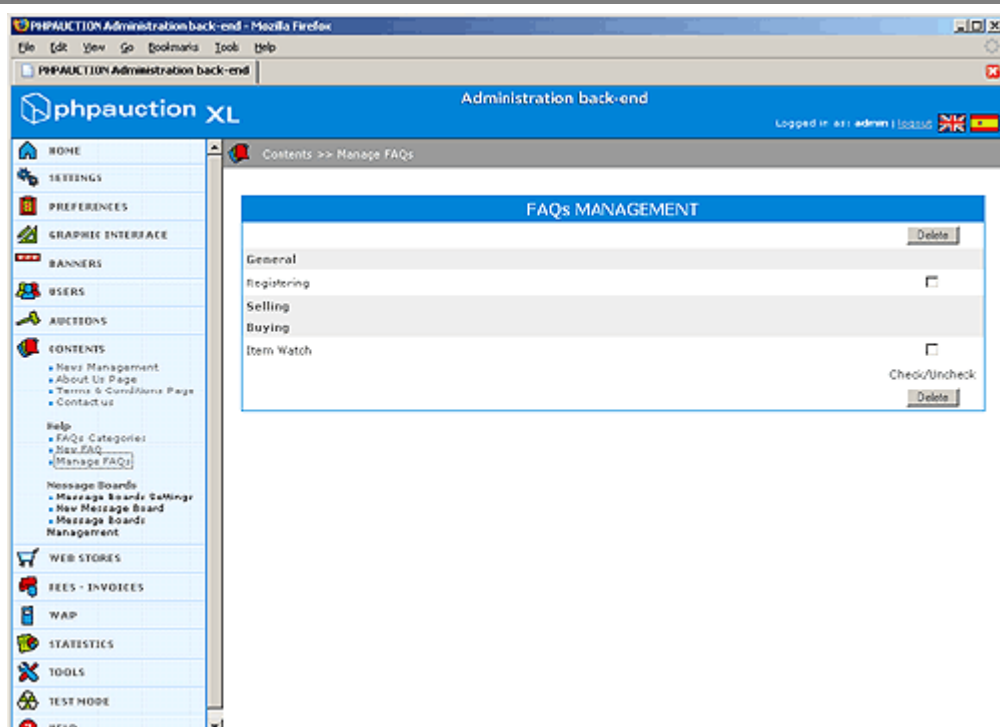
2.9.5.2 New FAQs

Form to Insert new FAQ's, you must select a category for the FAQ. Question and answer fields allow HTML tags. This is the section you use to Translate FAQ's into your other languages. Link to manage FAQ's.

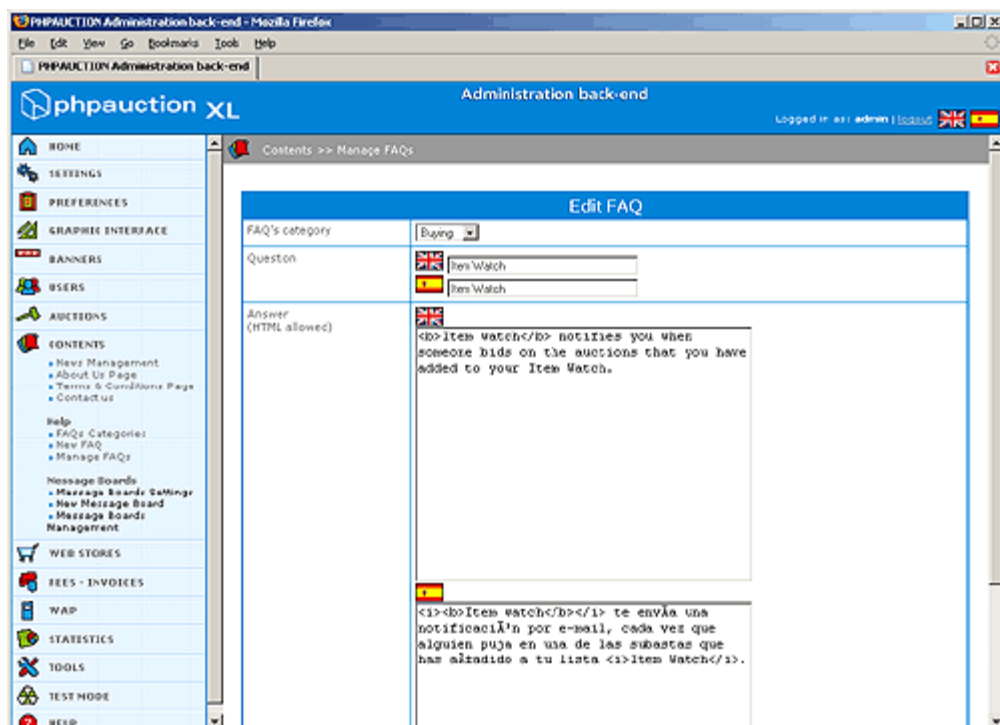


2.9.5.3 Manage FAQs

List of all FAQ's group by category, displaying the title (question field). Link to new FAQ's and FAQ's categories.



You can Edit and delete FAQ's.



2.9.6 Message boards

Message boards settings and management: message boards settings, new message board and message boards management.

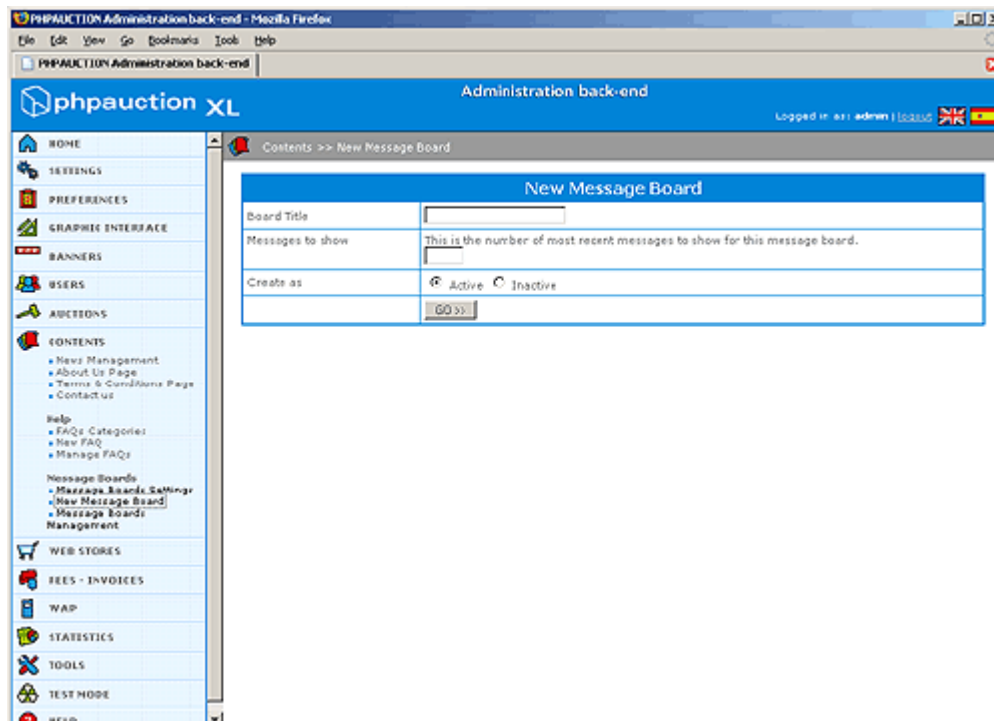
2.9.6.1 Message boards settings

You can activate the message boards service in your site. And activate the option of have a link to the message boards displayed in the header and footer of your site.

phpAuction also offer the option to use phpBB software as your message board community. It is a modify version. You will administrate it from their own back-end. No support tech is provided for this 3rd party application.

2.9.6.2 New message board

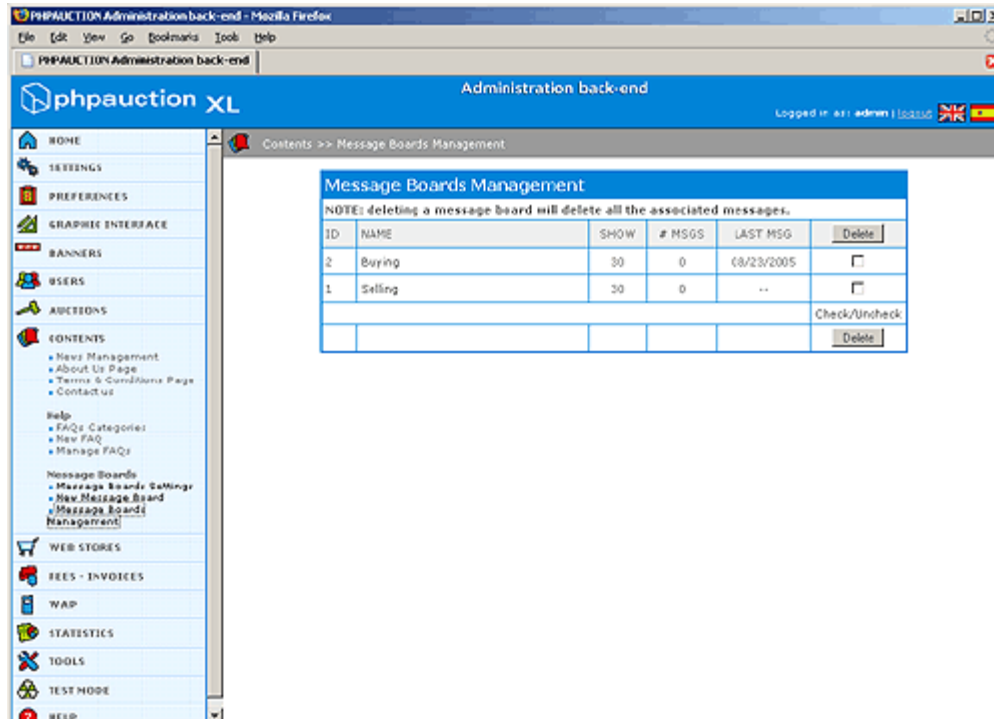
You can Create New Message board, specifying the board title, the number of most recent messages to show for this message board and active or inactive it. Also a link to message boards management.



The screenshot shows the 'phpauction XL Administration back-end' interface in a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The page title is 'Administration back-end' and it shows the user is logged in as 'admin'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like HOME, SETTINGS, PREFERENCES, GRAPHIC INTERFACE, BANNERS, USERS, AUCTIONS, CONTENTS, WEB STORES, FEES - INVOICES, WAP, STATISTICS, TOOLS, TEST MODE, and HELP. The 'CONTENTS' category is expanded, showing sub-items like 'New Management', 'About Us Page', 'Terms & Conditions Page', 'Contact us', 'Help', 'FAQs Categories', 'New FAQ', 'Manage FAQs', 'Message Boards', 'Message Boards Settings', 'New Message Board', and 'Message Boards Management'. The main content area is titled 'Contents >> New Message Board' and contains a form titled 'New Message Board'. The form has three input fields: 'Board Title' (a text box), 'Messages to show' (a text box with a hint: 'This is the number of most recent messages to show for this message board.'), and 'Create as' (radio buttons for 'Active' and 'Inactive', with 'Active' selected). A 'GO' button is at the bottom of the form.

2.9.6.3 Message boards management

List of all Message boards. The information show is: ID, name, show # messages, last message and option to delete it. Delete a Message board will delete all the associated messages. Also a link to create new message board.

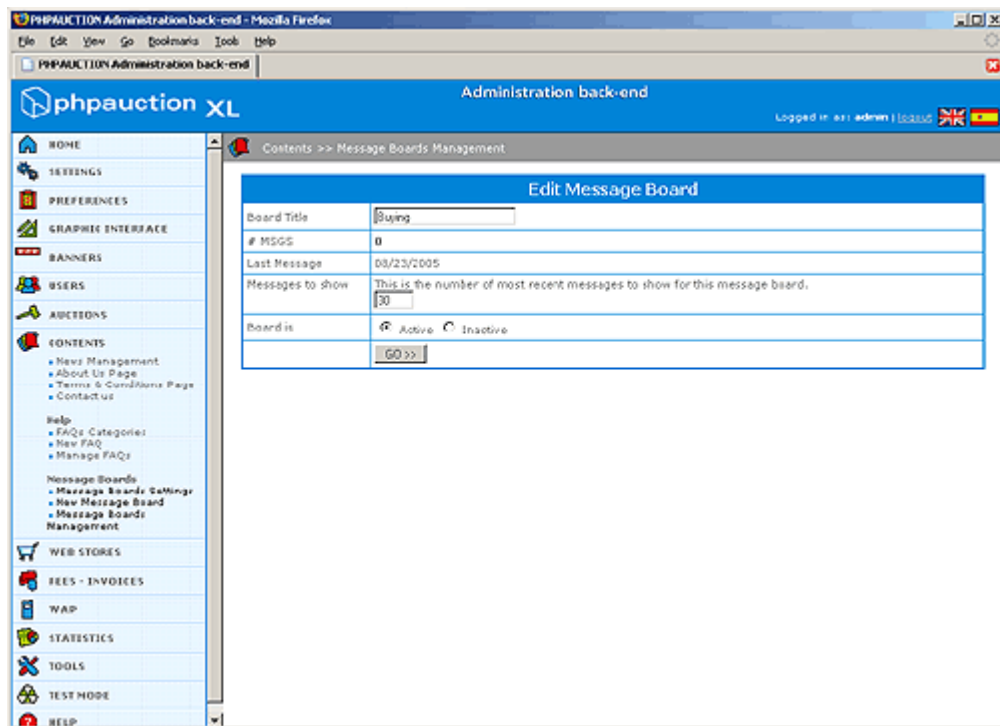


The screenshot shows the phpAuction Administration back-end interface in Mozilla Firefox. The page title is "Administration back-end" and the user is logged in as "admin". The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like HOME, SETTINGS, PREFERENCES, GRAPHIC INTERFACE, BANNERS, USERS, AUCTIONS, CONTENTS, WEB STORES, FEES - INVOICES, WAP, STATISTICS, TOOLS, TEST MODE, and HELP. The main content area is titled "Contents >> Message Boards Management". It features a "Message Boards Management" section with a note: "NOTE: deleting a message board will delete all the associated messages." Below this is a table with columns: ID, NAME, SHOW, # MSGS, LAST MSG, and a Delete button. The table contains two rows: ID 2, NAME "Buying", SHOW 30, # MSGS 0, LAST MSG "08/23/2005", and ID 1, NAME "Selling", SHOW 30, # MSGS 0, LAST MSG "--". There are checkboxes for "Check/Uncheck" and "Delete" for each row.

ID	NAME	SHOW	# MSGS	LAST MSG	Delete
2	Buying	30	0	08/23/2005	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	Selling	30	0	--	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check/Uncheck
Delete

You can Edit a Message board (board title, number of most recent messages and active or inactive option) by clicking on its name.

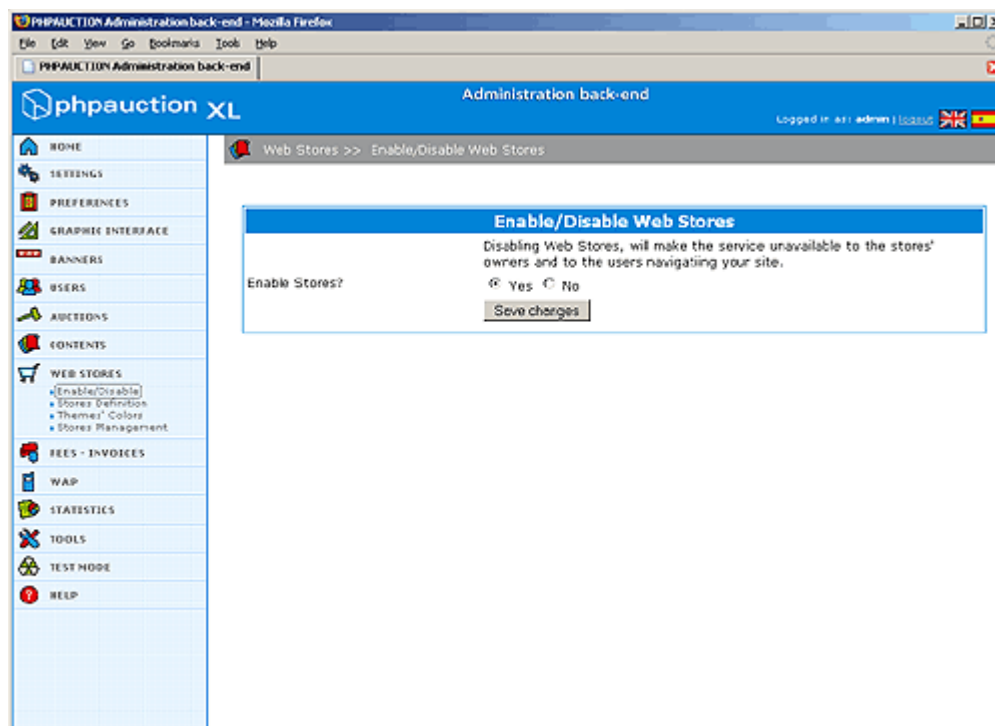


2.10 Web Stores

2.10.1 Enable/Disable

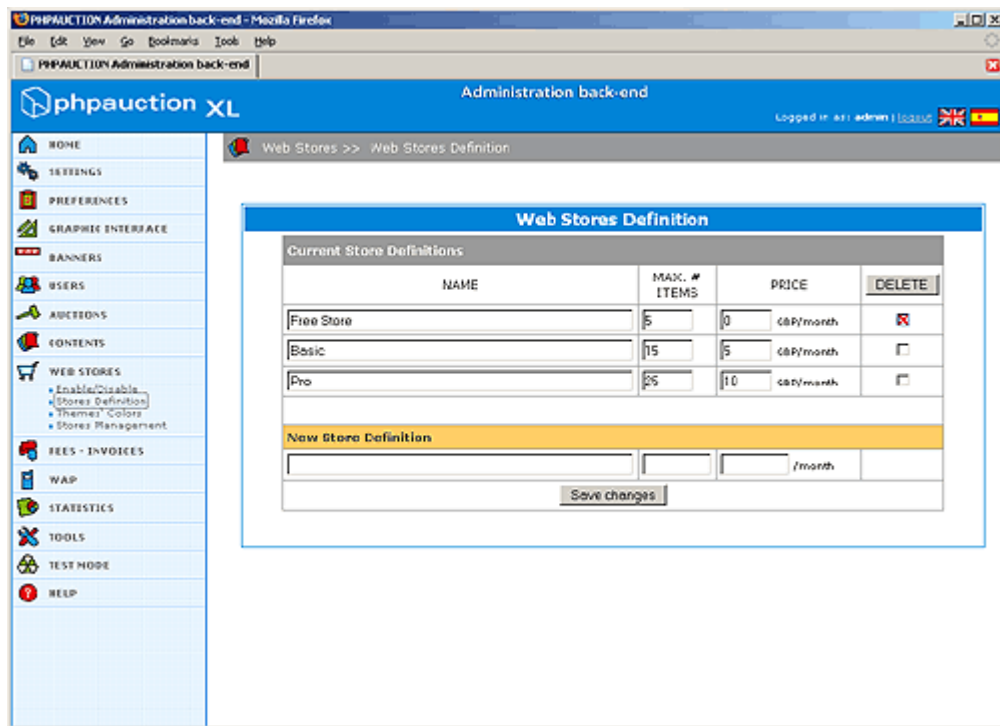
You can give your users the option to create a Web Store. A Web Store is a special place on your site where an individual seller can show you all of their items and tell you more about their business on their own pages. The benefits provided to your users with a store are:

- Add more items: Most Web Stores include Store Inventory items - additional fixed price (Buy It Now) items that don't normally appear in regular search results and categories. Users can list items in Store Inventory format for lower fees and longer durations. Organize and display the items with users custom categories.
- Buyers can keep track of them: Your users can have all their items in one convenient place, which make it easier to the buyers to check.
- Display more info: Users can add their own personality, with customized displays and content.



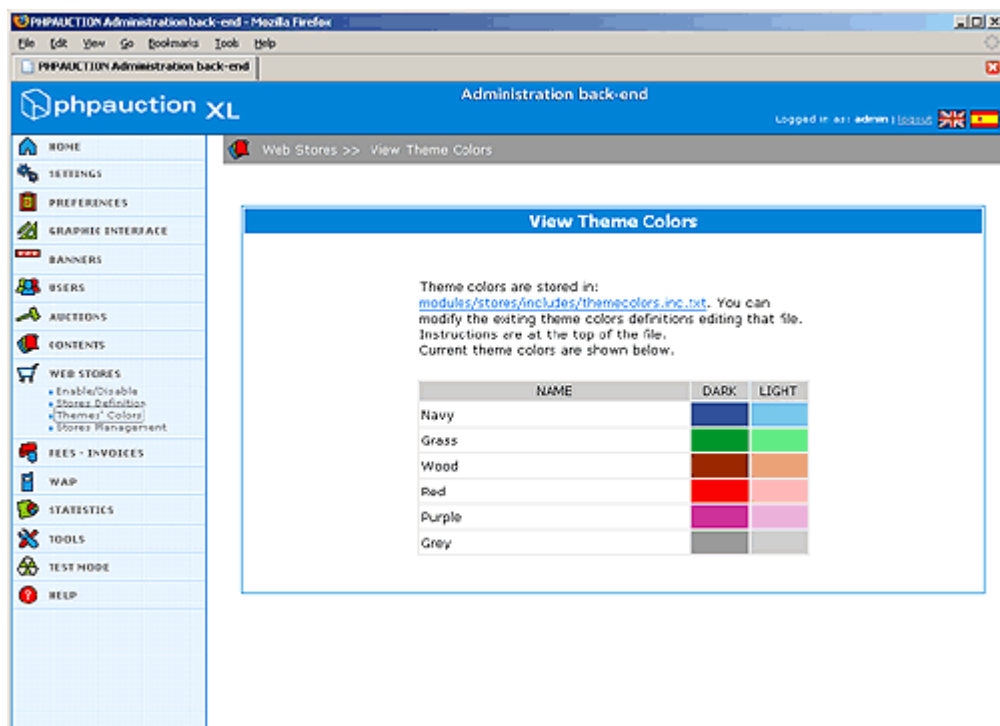
2.10.2 Web Store definition

You can Define different Web Stores types. Each type will have a name, you will Define the maximum quantity of items per Web Stores and if you want to Charge a fee for Web Stores and the amount. You can also Edit and Delete Web store definitions.



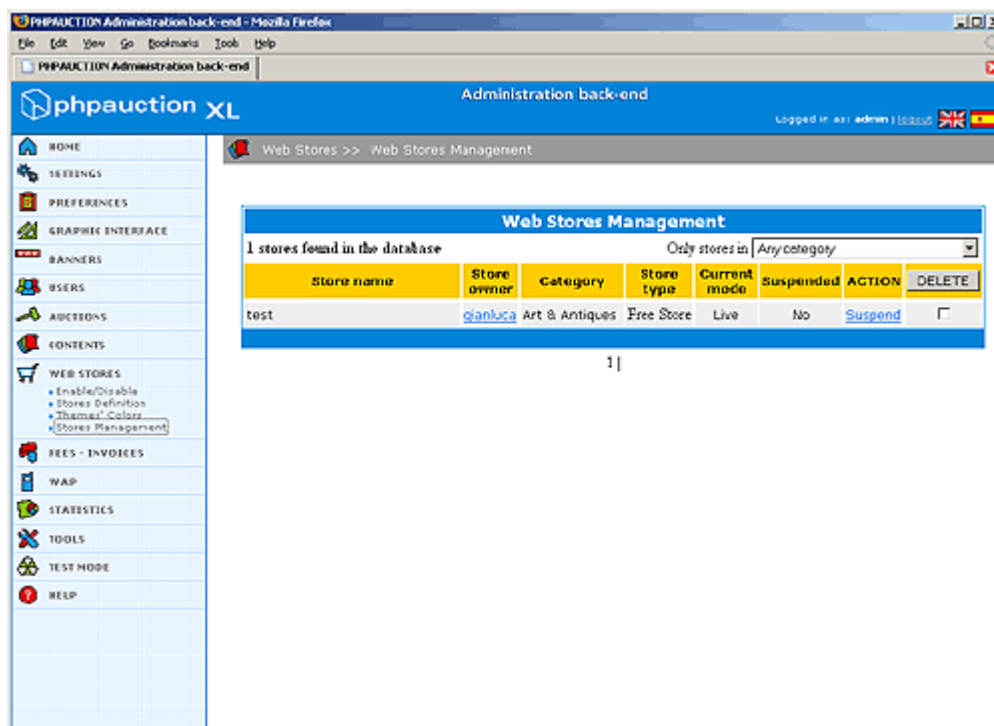
2.10.3 Theme Colors

You can define a set of Theme Colors for the Web Stores. phpAuction provide you with a basic scheme that can be modify. The Theme colors are stored in: `modules/stores/includes/themecolors.inc.txt`. You can modify the existing theme colors definitions editing that file. Instructions are available at the top of the Theme Colors file.



2.10.4 Web Store Management

In this section you will have a list of the Web Stores available at your site. The information displayed is Store name, Store owner, Category of the Web Store, Store type, current mode (live or test mode decide by the user) or Suspended or Active (decide by the Administrator). Stores can be displayed all or by category (the category list used in your site). You can also edit users information by clicking on its name or Delete the Web Store.



2.10.5 Web Store Featured Item

You can allow your sellers to be able to create their Web Store's items as Web Stores Featured Item. They will appear (randomly) in the Web Stores categories pages, according to the settings in the General Layout Settings.

You can set up a fee for this option: [Store item featured fee](#)^[106].

2.10.6 Store item featured fee

Define the fee amount for the Web store featured item. It is a one time fee. Select amount and currency.

2.11 Fees-Invoices

phpAuction has 3 different systems to get paid by users and collecting the Fees. These systems are: pay, prepaid and invoices. This is brief description of how they work.

PAY^[115]

Every time you sell something, you will be asked to pay your fees. The operation is made sequentially: input or sell data - payment - sell confirmation. If you don't make the payment, nothing happens. This

mode is not very used, if none at all, because payment gateways fees becomes too high in front of the low fees that normally are applied on the site.

PREPAY

You have an account of, say, 10\$ on the site. You then try to sell something, and - selecting home page feature, reserve fee feature etc - you reach fees for, say, 12\$. In this case your auction, at submission, becomes SUSPENDED, and you have (and you are normally noticed) to charge your account (from your control panel) with a certain amount of money, at your preference. In this example from 2 \$ to infinite. At that point you can by yourself (as an user) to reopen your suspended auctions; the system controls the consistence of your account in front of the auctions you are trying to reopen. In prepay, at the end, you pre-pay your future fees; than, every fee you ask for makes a withdrawal on your account.

IMPORTANT: normally, a new user is "pre-charged" with a free bonus; the bonus amount is decided by the admin in an apposite section.

The user can control its account status via the control panel.

INVOICES

This is the preferred mode for professional auctions. There are no blocks nor suspensions. When an user posts a sell, one or more new invoice rows are written in user's account. Every "X" days, the administrator has to go in the Admin Back-end Invoices section and control if there are pending invoices. An invoice is pending when it reaches a certain amount (that has to be set in settings administration). An apposite script generates pending invoices and send them to the users. It is very simple. In then meantime, every user can control its dues via the control panel. When receiving the emails, users have to pay the pending invoices, the admin receives the payment confirmations and then sets the "payed" flag on the invoices. Naturally this mechanism needs more work to be done by the administrator, but is largely the preferred, because is very user-friendly and tends to fidelize users. When invoices is selected, PAY and PREPAY becomes inactive.

2.11.1 Invoices

2.11.1.1 Invoice settings

phpAuction Invoicing System will give you the ability to group the fees each user has accumulated into a

unique invoice. Invoices are sent when the amount of the fees due reach the Invoice limit you set below. Users will need to make a payment for all the pending fees from the unique invoice.

Note: If you enable the invoicing system the Pay and Prepay options will not have any effect.

You can apply your country's taxes to the invoices you send, setting the value in this section. It will apply to every invoice you send. Enter 0 (zero) if you do not need to apply any tax.

You can select to have a copy of the invoices to be sent to the admin e-mail address. And also you can select to send invoices with total amounts due equal to or greater than the Invoice limit, then they will be sent.

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Invoice Settings

PhpAuction Invoicing System will give you the ability to group the fees each user has accumulated into a unique invoice. Invoices are sent when the amount of the fees due reach the **Invoice limit** you set below. Users will need to make a payment for all the pending fees from the unique invoice.

Note that if you enable the invoicing system the Pay and Prepay options will not have any effect.

Enable Invoicing Support? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If you need to apply your country's taxes to the invoices you send, set the value below. It will apply to every invoice you send.
Enter 0 (zero) if you do not need to apply any tax.

Tax Percentage: %

Your Country Tax NAME (e.g TVA):

Invoice copy to the admin: Select **Yes** if you want a copy of the invoices to be sent to the admin e-mail address.
☒ Yes ☐ No

Invoice limit: Only invoices with total amounts due equal to or greater than the **Invoice limit** will be sent.
 EUR

2.11.1.2 Alternative payment

You have the option to provide your users as many Alternative payment methods as you need to pay the fees. Provide a name for each alternative method and a complete description and necessary data to use it. Each alternative payment method can be modify and delete. As an example you can decide to accept payments by bank transfer, in that case enter all the necessary data for the operation.

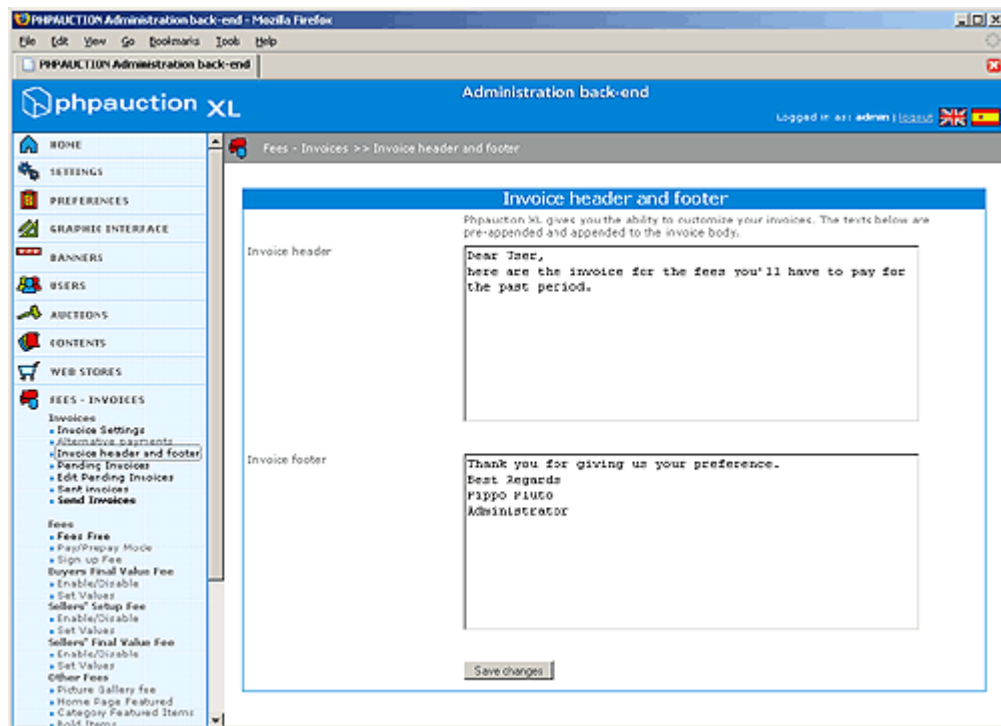
The screenshot shows the 'phpAuction XL Administration back-end' interface. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like HOME, SETTINGS, PREFERENCES, GRAPHIC INTERFACE, BANNERS, USERS, ADVERTISEMENTS, CONTENTS, WEB STORES, and FEES - INVOICES. The 'FEES - INVOICES' section is expanded, showing sub-items like Invoices, Invoice Settings, Alternative payments, Invoice header and footer, Pending Invoices, Edit Pending Invoices, Sent Invoices, and Fees. The 'Alternative payments' sub-item is selected. The main content area is titled 'Alternative payments' and contains a table with two existing payment methods: 'Bank Transfer' and 'Money Order'. Below the table is a 'New Payment Method' section with input fields for 'Short Name' and 'Detailed Description'.

Short Name	Detailed Description	Delete
Bank Transfer	Test Bank 123 Northwood Road Miami TSA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Money Order	Test text for Money order	<input type="checkbox"/>

New Payment Method

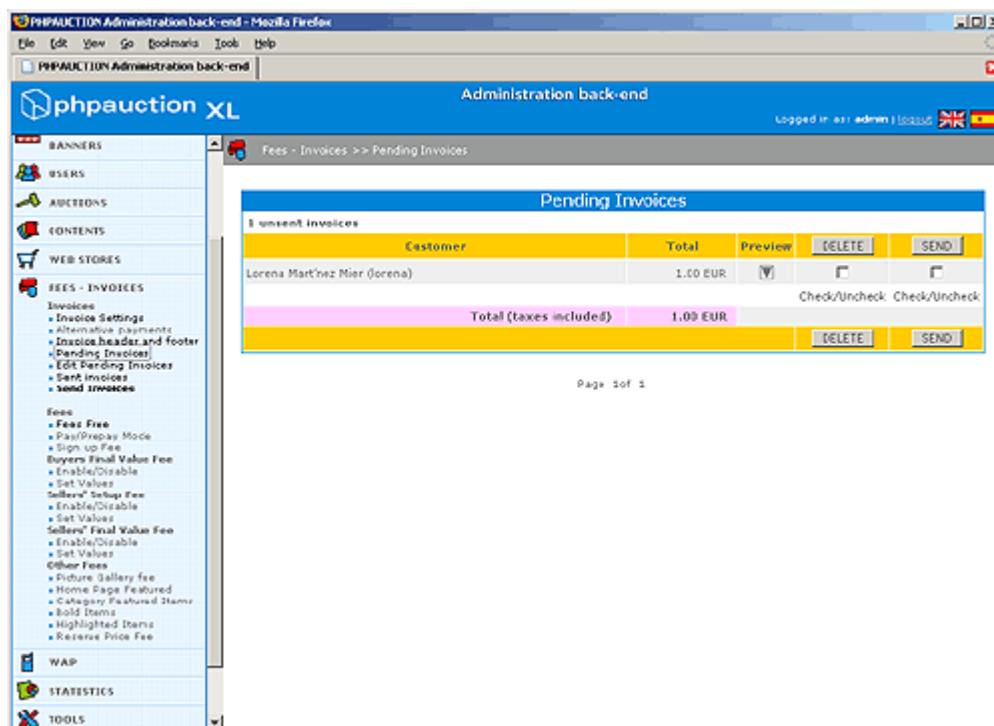
2.11.1.3 Invoice header and footer

You have the ability to Customize the footer and the header on the invoices send to your users.



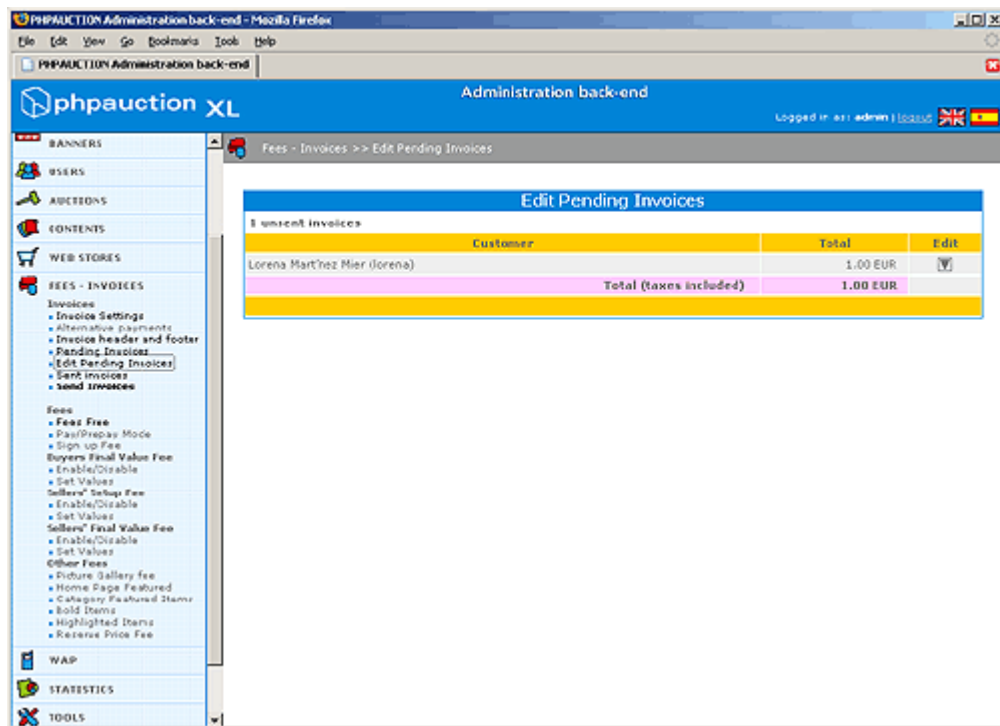
2.11.1.4 Pending invoices

This is a list of the pending or unsent invoices. It displays the customers name, total amount of the invoice and the possibility of delete or send it. Also a link to the invoice previews.



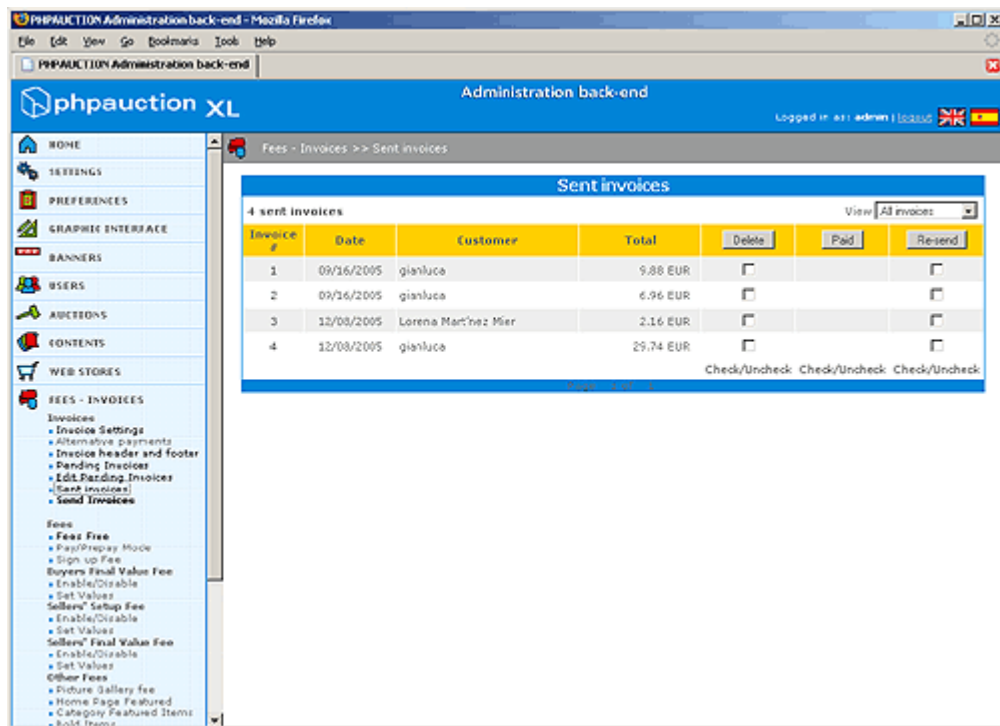
2.11.1.5 Edit pending invoices

This is the same list of the [Pending Invoice](#) ¹¹⁰ but in this section you have the possibility to edit them, adding new concepts and the amount.



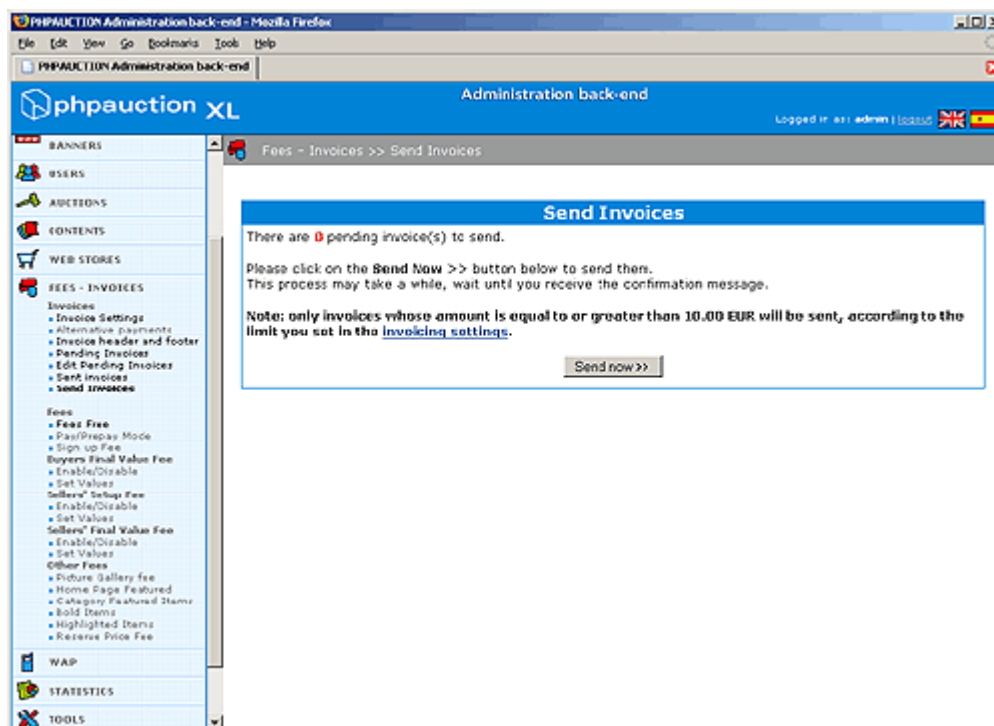
2.11.1.6 Sent invoices

A list of the sent invoices. Display the information: invoice number, date, customer name, invoice total amount. You can also delete and re-send them and mark them as paid. It can be arrange in three groups: all invoices, paid invoices and unpaid invoices.



2.11.1.7 Send invoices

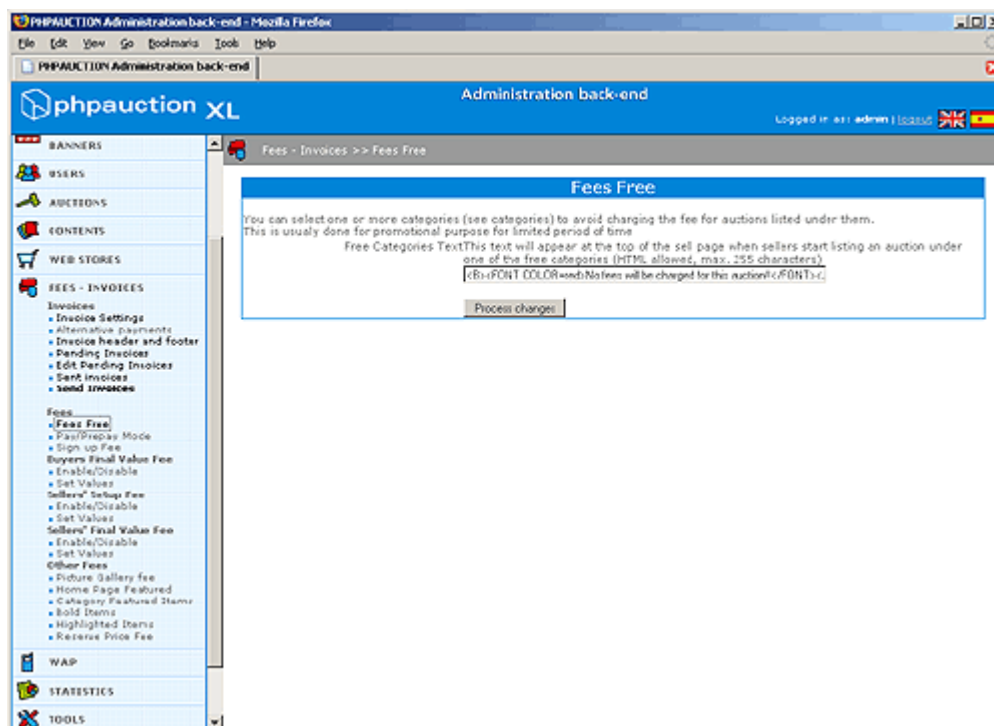
The Send Invoices script section. It tell you the quantity of Invoices to be Send, for details about the invoices check the [Pending Invoices](#) ⁽¹¹⁰⁾ section. To send them, you must click on the **Send Now>>** button. This process may take a while, wait until you receive the confirmation message.



2.11.2 Fees

2.11.2.1 Fees Free

You can select one or more categories (see [Categories table](#) ³⁴) section) to avoid charging the fee for auctions listed under them. This is usually done for promotional purpose for limited period of time. In this section you add the text display on this categories that will appear at the top of the sell page when sellers start listing an auction under one of the free categories.

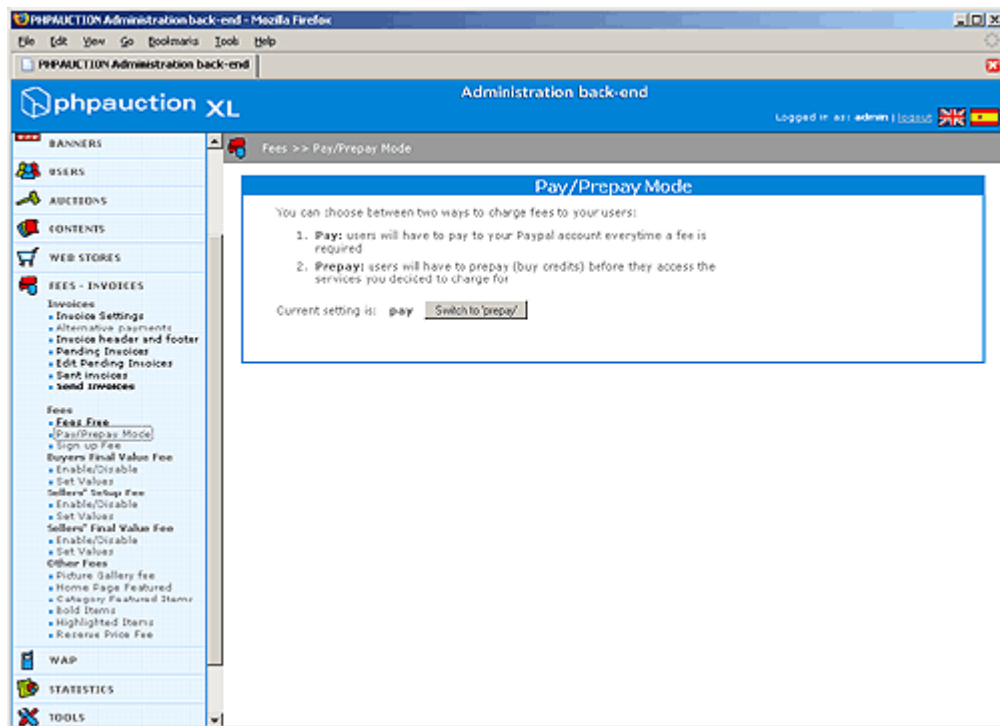


2.11.2.2 Pay/Prepay mode

You choose between two ways to charge fees to your users:

- **Pay:** users will have to pay to your Paypal account every time a fee is required
- **Prepay:** users will have to prepay (buy credits) before they access the services you decided to charge for

Check the [Fees-Invoices](#) ^[106] section for a brief description of these methods.



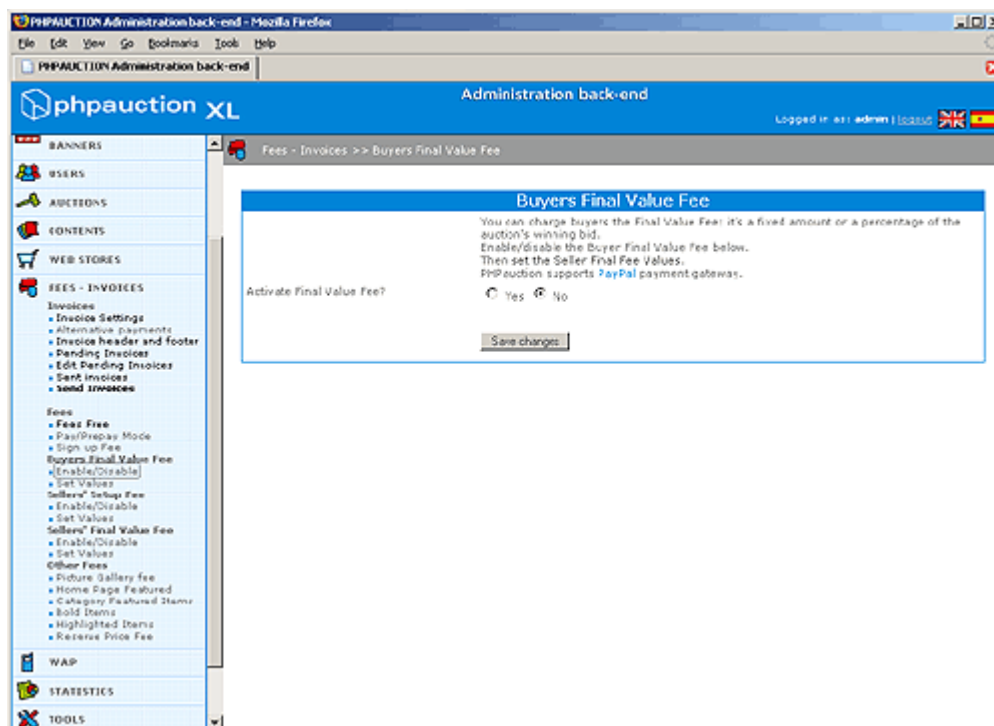
2.11.2.3 Sign up fee

You can charge users a Sign up fee. It is a fixed amount expressed in the currency you selected in the [Currency Settings](#) ³⁷ section.

2.11.2.4 Buyers final value fee

2.11.2.4.1 Enable/Disable

You can decide charge Buyers a Final Value Fee: it's a fix amount or a percentage of the auction's winning bid.



2.11.2.4.2 Set values

In this section you set the values that will be used for the Buyers final value fee. You can use different amount ranges and charge a corresponding fee for each one. It can be a fix amount or a percentage. For example:

From	To	Value	Fee type
0.00	100.00	1.00	Fix amount
101.00	200.00	1.50	Fix amount
201.00	500.00	3.00	%
501	10000000000	5	%

Be careful, there's no control over the table's values congruence. Be sure to check the intervals and increments congruence yourself.

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Buyers Final Value Fee

Enter the amount ranges below and the corresponding fee for each one.
For example:

From	To	Value	Fee type
0.00	100.00	1.00	Fixed amount
101.00	200.00	1.50	Fixed amount
201.00	500.00	3.00	%
501	1000000000	5	%

From	To	Value	Fee type	Reverse Actions
0.00	100.00	5.00	%	<input type="checkbox"/>
101.00	500.00	2.00	%	<input type="checkbox"/>
501.00	10,000,000.0	3.00	Fixed amount	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Fixed amount	<input type="checkbox"/>

Add

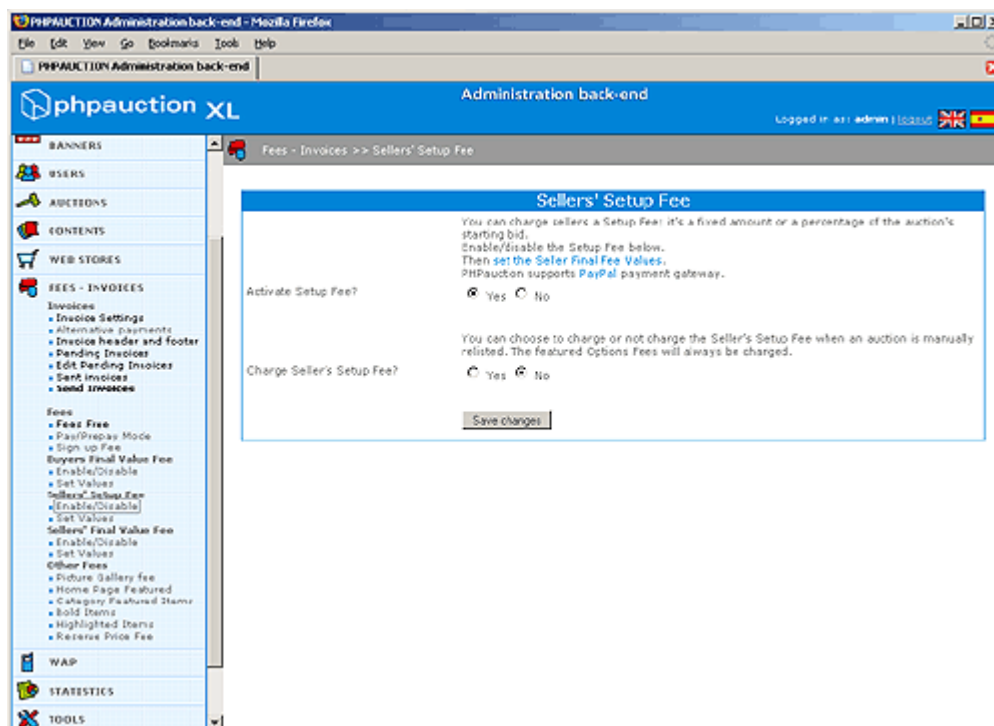
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2.11.2.5 Sellers set up fee

2.11.2.5.1 Enable/Disable

You can charge sellers a Setup Fee for the auction. It's a fix amount or a percentage of the auction's starting bid.

Also you can choose to charge or not charge the Seller's Setup Fee when an auction is manually relisted. The featured Options Fees will always be charged.



2.11.2.5.2 Set values

In this section you set the values that will be used for the Sellers set up fee. You can use different amount ranges and charge a corresponding fee for each one. It can be a fix amount or a percentage. For example:

From	To	Value	Fee type
0.00	100.00	1.00	Fix amount
101.00	200.00	1.50	Fix amount
201.00	500.00	3.00	%
501	10000000000	5	%

Be careful, there's no control over the table's values congruence. Be sure to check the intervals and increments congruence yourself.

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Sellers' Setup Fee

Enter the amount ranges below and the corresponding fee for each one.
For example:

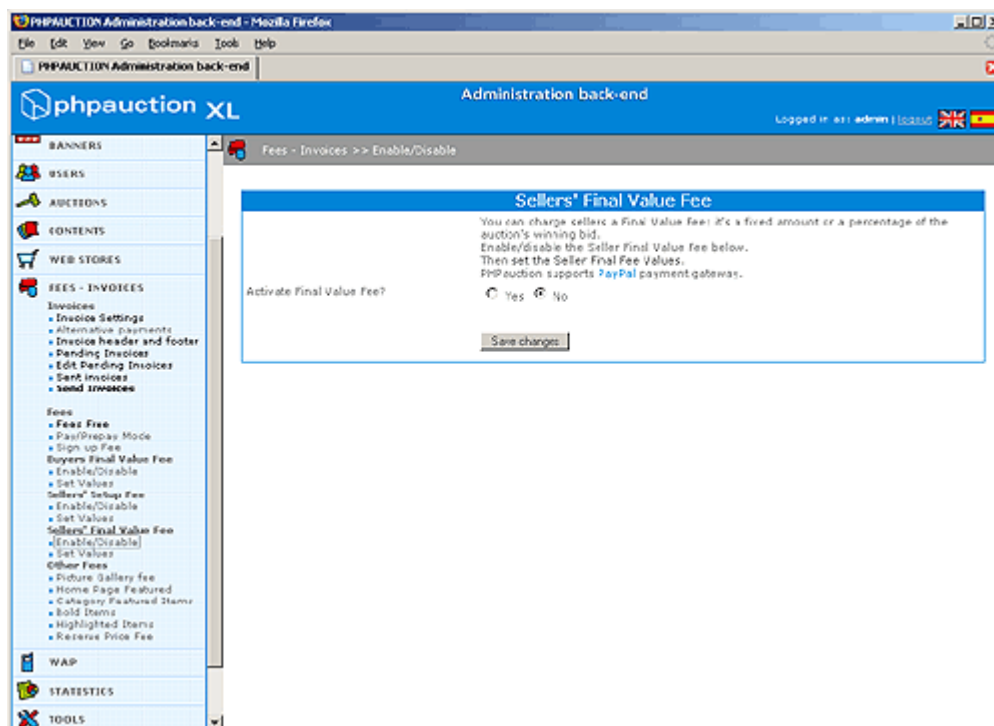
From	To	Value	Fee type
0.00	100.00	1.00	Fixed amount
101.00	200.00	1.50	Fixed amount
201.00	500.00	3.00	%
501	1000000000	5	%

From	To	Value	Fee type	Reverse Actions
<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="100.00"/>	<input type="text" value="1.00"/>	<input type="text" value="Fixed amount"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text" value="101.00"/>	<input type="text" value="500.00"/>	<input type="text" value="1.00"/>	<input data-bbox="1084 667 1170 695" type="text" value="%"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text" value="501.00"/>	<input type="text" value="10,000,000.0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.50"/>	<input data-bbox="1084 695 1170 722" type="text" value="%"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text" value="Add"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Fixed amount"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.11.2.6 Sellers' Final Value Fee

2.11.2.6.1 Enable/Disable

You can decide charge Sellers a Final Value Fee: it's a fix amount or a percentage of the auction's winning bid.



2.11.2.6.2 Set Values

In this section you set the values that will be used for the Sellers Final Value fee. You can use different amount ranges and charge a corresponding fee for each one. It can be a fix amount or a percentage. For example:

From	To	Value	Fee type
0.00	100.00	1.00	Fix amount
101.00	200.00	1.50	Fix amount
201.00	500.00	3.00	%
501	10000000000	5	%

Be careful, there's no control over the table's values congruence. Be sure to check the intervals and increments congruence yourself.

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Seller's Final Value Fee

Enter the amount ranges below and the corresponding fee for each one.
For example:

From	To	Value	Fee type
0.00	100.00	1.00	Fixed amount
101.00	200.00	1.50	Fixed amount
201.00	500.00	3.00	%
501	10000000000	5	%

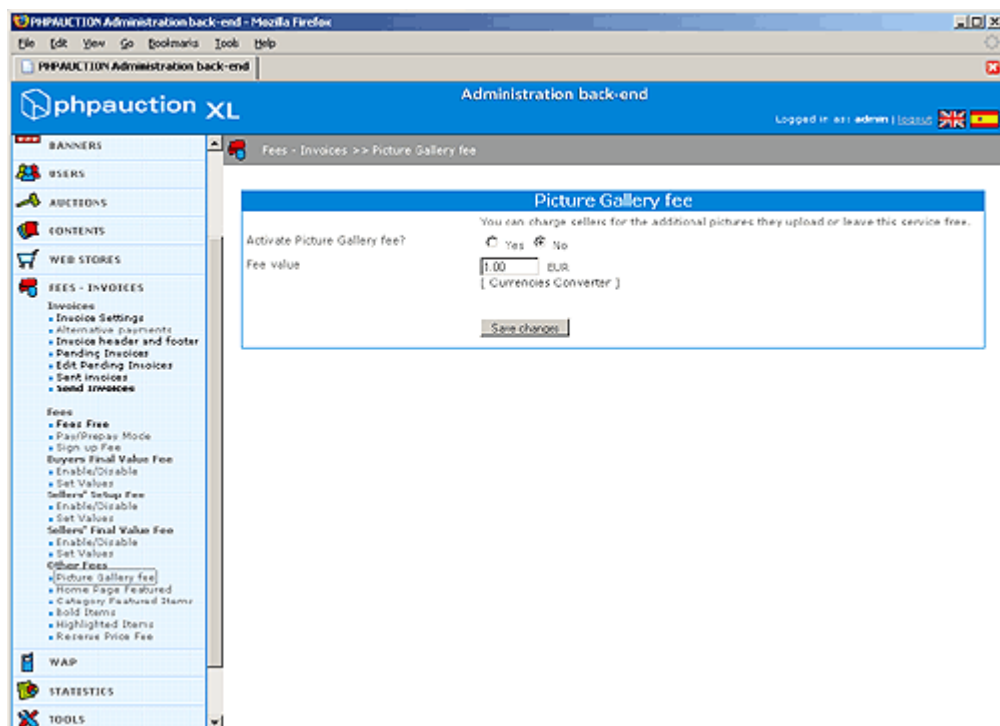
From	To	Value	Fee type	Reverse Actions
0.00	100.00	1.50	Fixed amount	<input type="checkbox"/>
101.00	250.00	2.00	%	<input type="checkbox"/>
251.00	500.00	2.50	Fixed amount	<input type="checkbox"/>
501.00	1,000.00	3.00	Fixed amount	<input type="checkbox"/>
1,001.00	10,000,000.0	5.00	Fixed amount	<input type="checkbox"/>
Add			Fixed amount	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2.11.2.7 Others fees

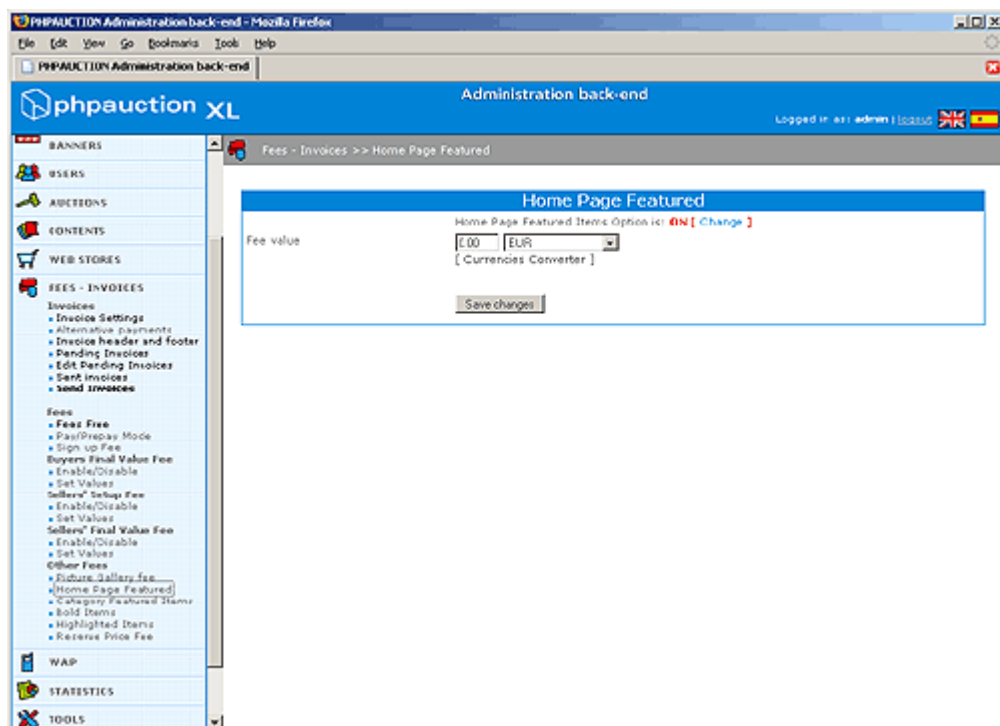
2.11.2.7.1 Picture gallery fee

You can charge sellers for the [Picture gallery](#) ²¹ additional picture they upload or leave this service free.



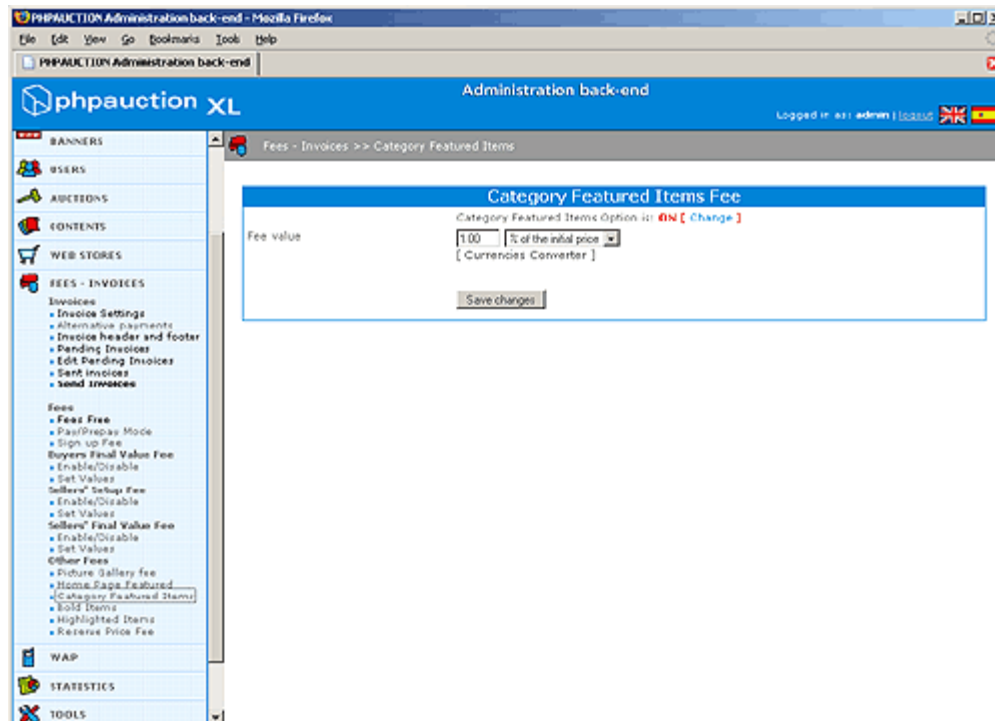
2.11.2.7.2 Home page featured items fee

You can charge your sellers a fee for selecting the [Home page featured auction](#) ⁸⁷ option or leave this service free. It can be a fix amount or a percentage.



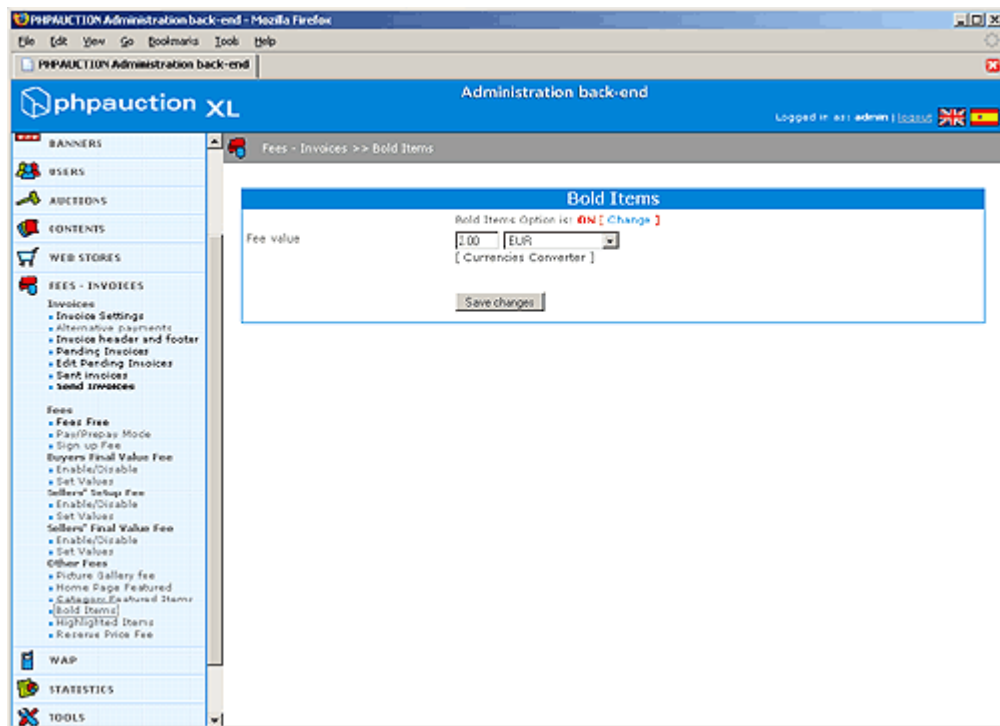
2.11.2.7.3 Category featured items fee

You can charge your sellers a fee for selecting the [Category featured item](#)⁸⁸ option or leave this service free. It can be a fix amount or a percentage.



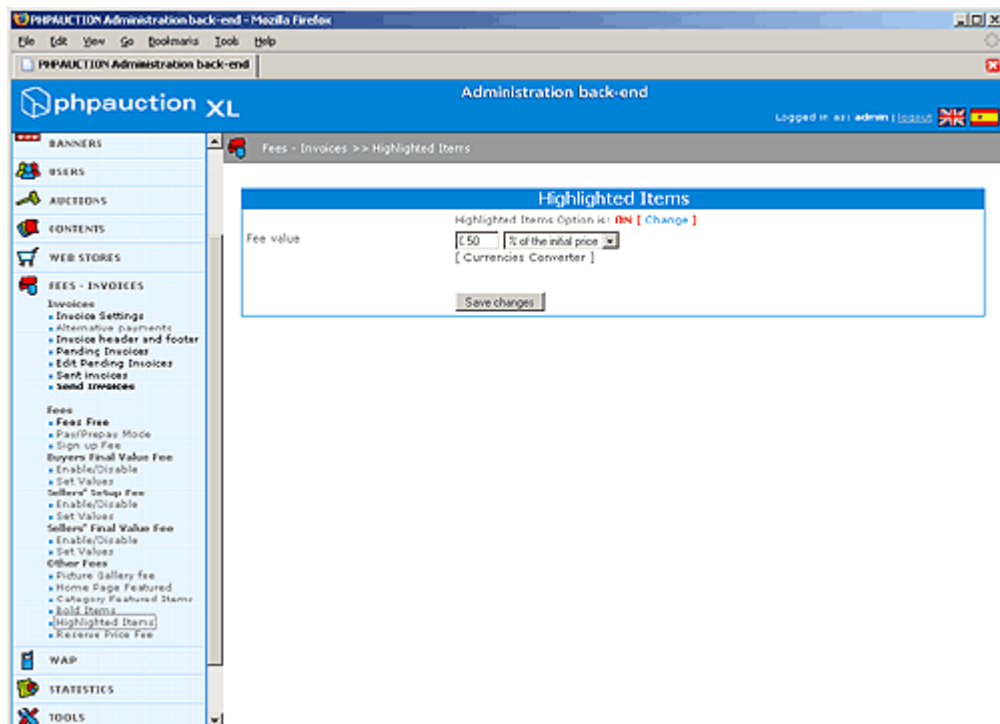
2.11.2.7.4 Bold items fee

You can charge your sellers a fee for selecting the [Bold item](#)⁸⁹ option or leave this service free. It can be a fix amount or a percentage.



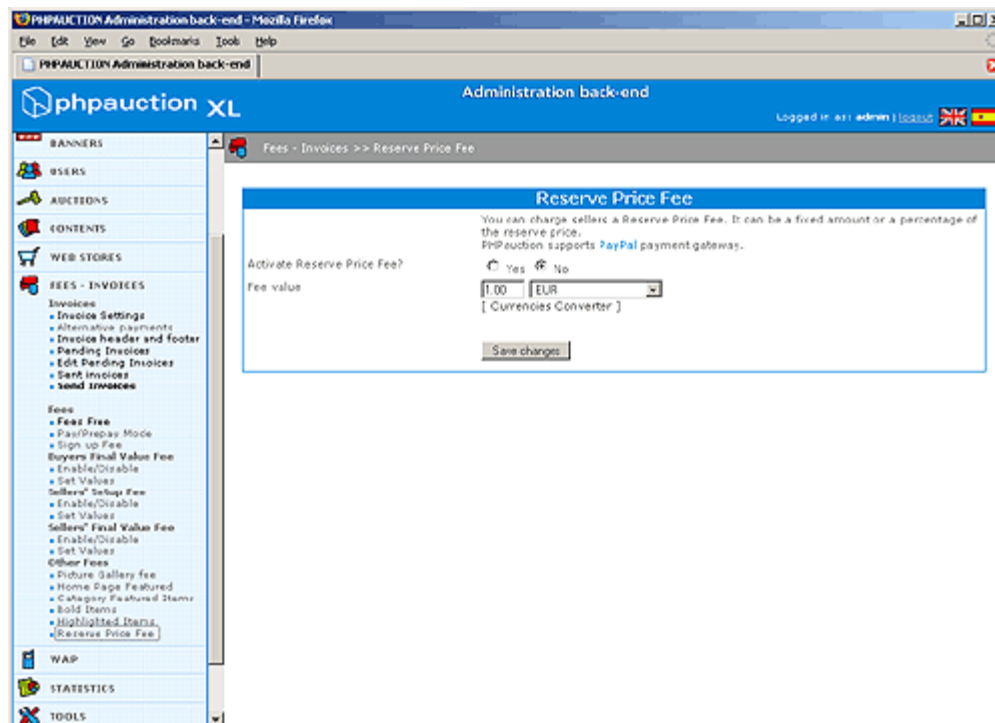
2.11.2.7.5 Highlighted items fee

You can charge your sellers a fee for selecting the [Highlighted item](#) ⁹⁰ option or leave this service free. It can be a fix amount or a percentage.



2.11.2.7.6 Reserve price fee

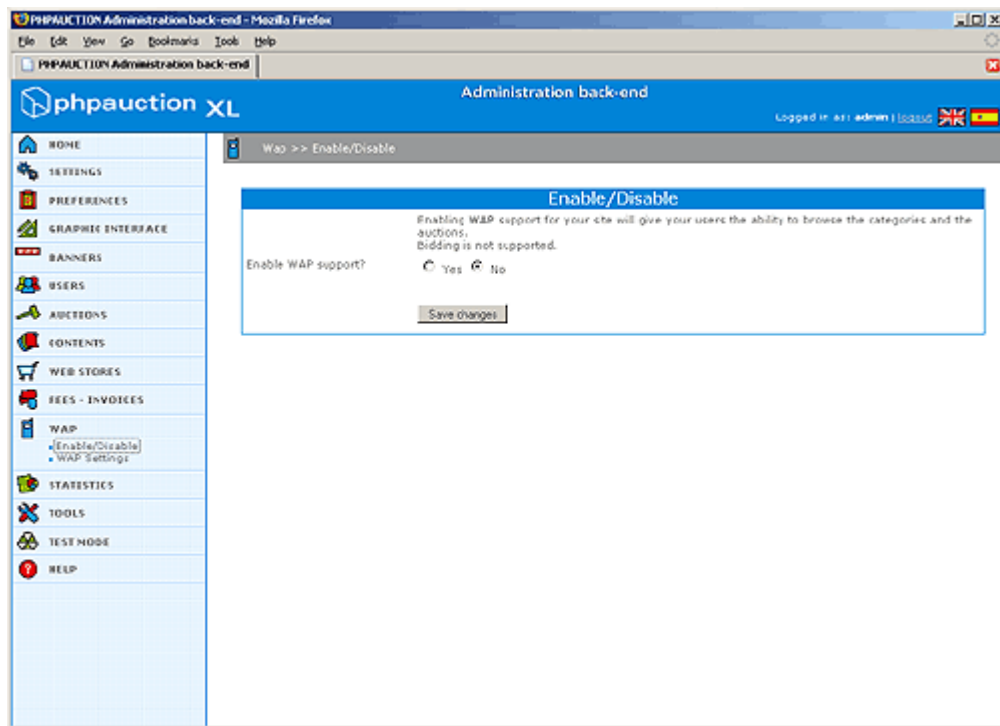
You can charge your sellers a fee for adding a Reserve price in their auction or leave this service free. It can be a fix amount or a percentage.



2.12 WAP

2.12.1 Enable/disable WAP support

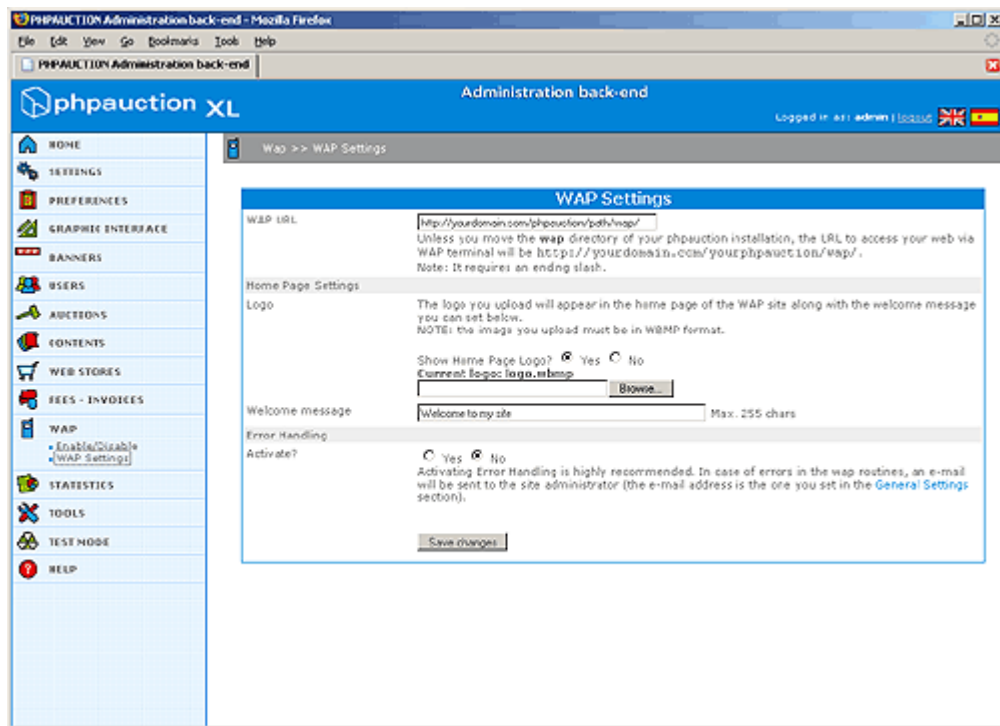
Enabling WAP support for your site will give your users the ability to browse the categories and the auctions though WAP. Bidding is not supported.



2.12.2 WAP settings

In this section you register your WAP settings:

- **WAP URL:** Unless you move the wap directory of your phpAuction installation, the URL to access your web via WAP terminal will be `http://yourdomain.com/yourphpAuction/wap/`. It requires an ending slash
- **WAP Logo:** Show or not your home page logo. The logo you upload will appear in the home page of the WAP site along with the welcome message you can set below. The image you upload must be in WBMP format.
- **Welcome message:** Maximum 255 chars
- **Error Handling Activate:** Activating Error Handling is highly recommended. In case of errors in the wap routines, an e-mail will be sent to the site administrator (the e-mail address is the one you set in the [General Settings](#) section).



2.13 Stats

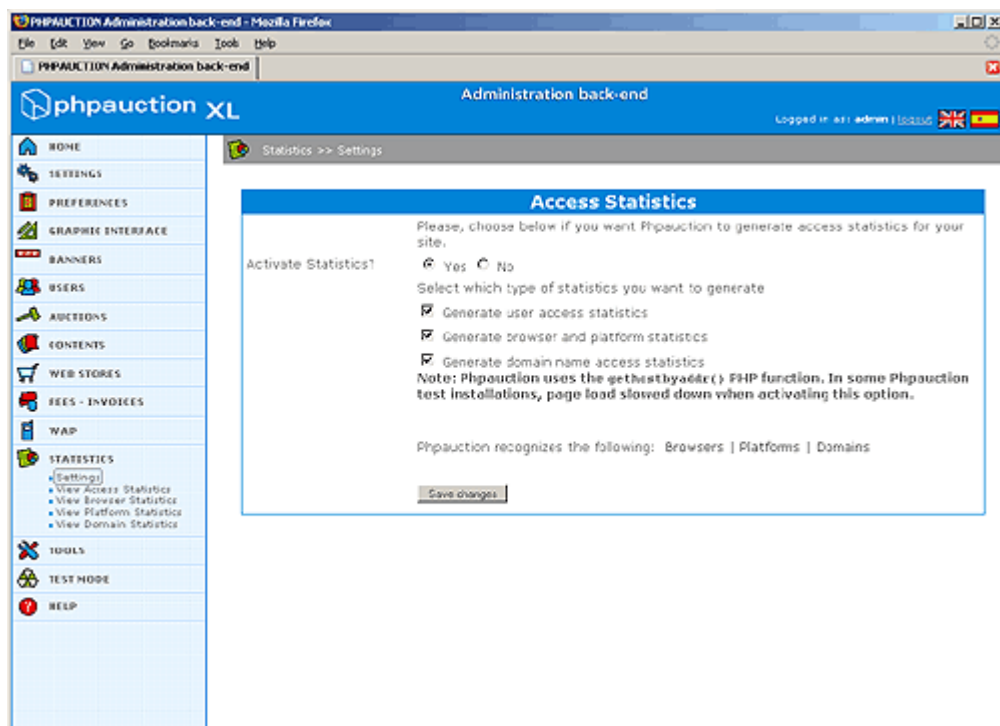
2.13.1 Settings

phpAuction can generate access statistics for your site. You can select which type of statistics you want to generate:

- User access statistics
- Browser and platform statistics
- Domain name access statistics

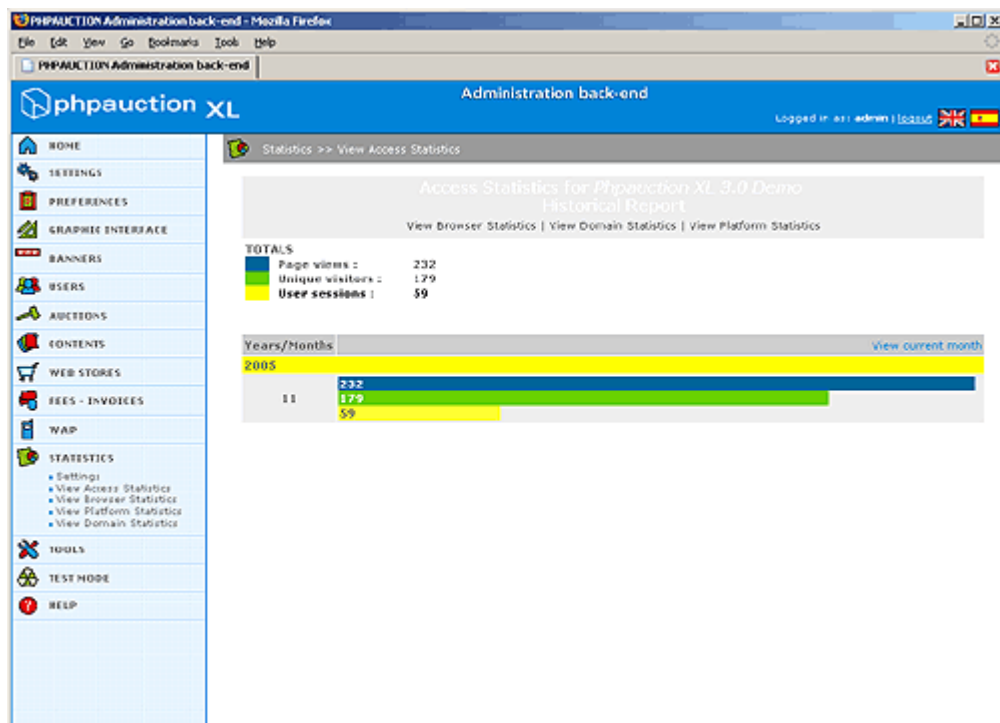
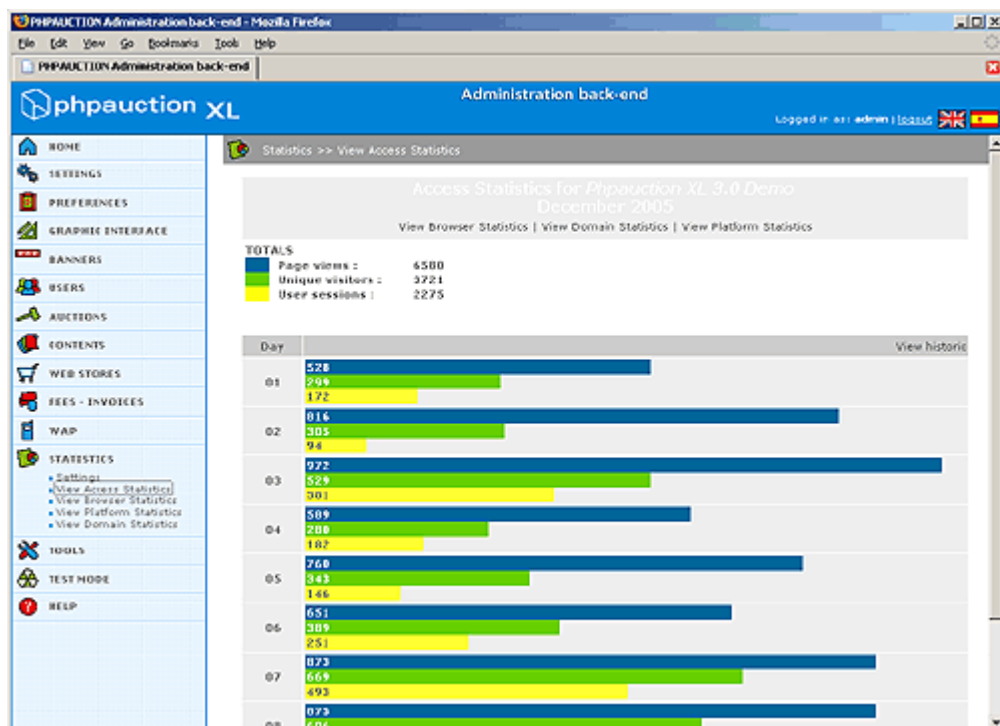
phpAuction uses the `gethostbyaddr()` PHP function. In some phpAuction test installations, page load slowed down when activating this option.

These are basic statics that allows you monitor your auctions site development. We highly recommend that for more accurate statics use the Stats software installed in your server.



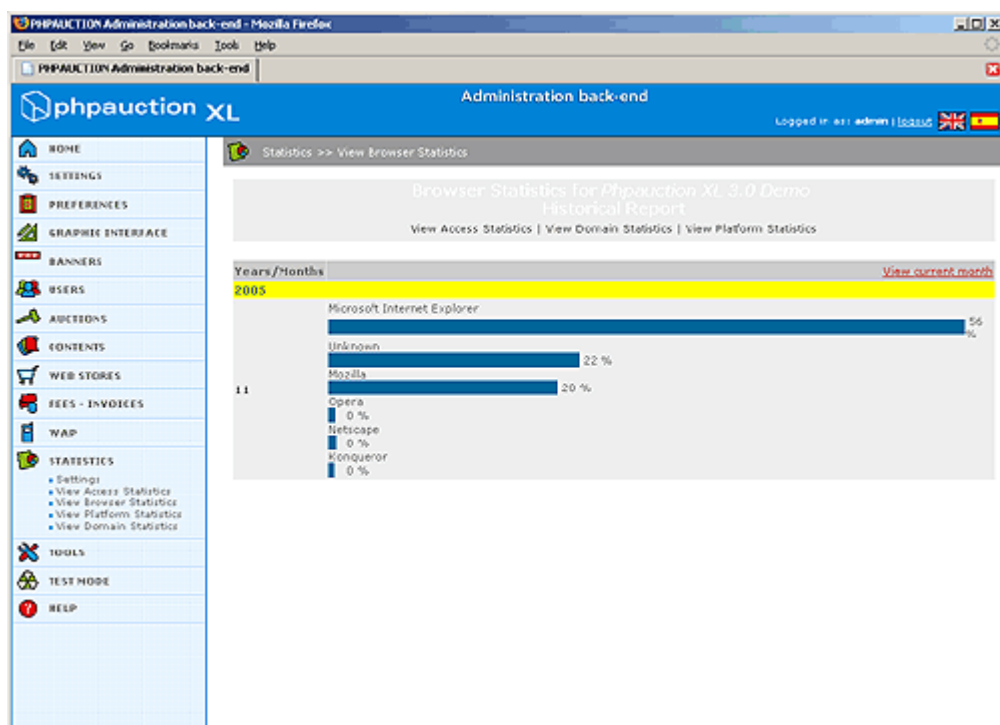
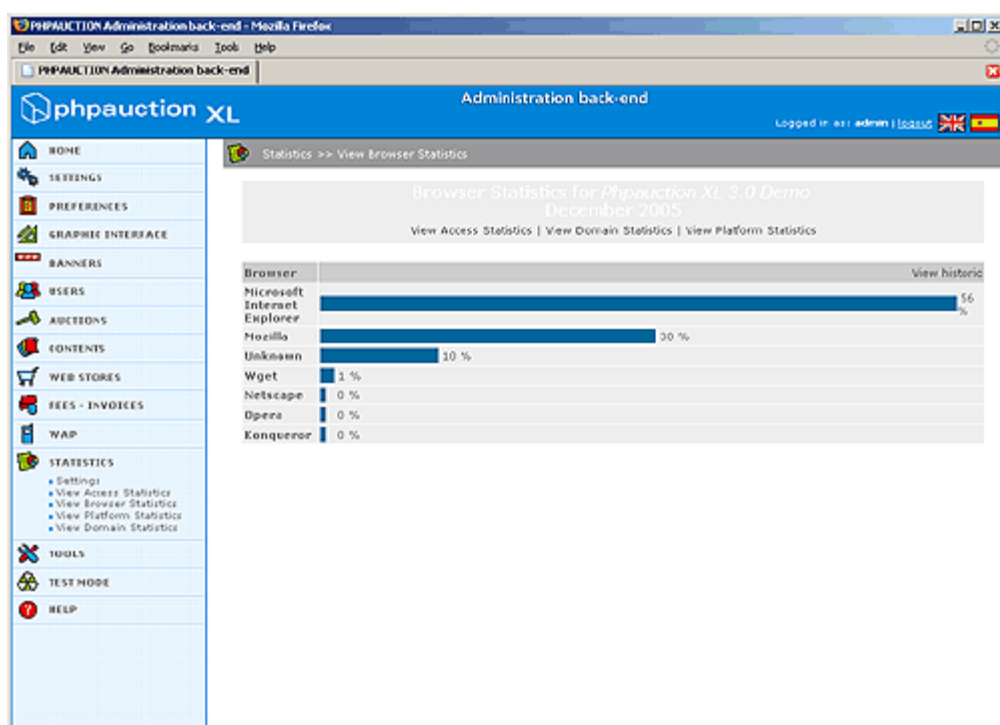
2.13.2 View access statics

Displays the access statics of the site with the info: page views, unique visitors and user sessions. It can be show by month or historic.



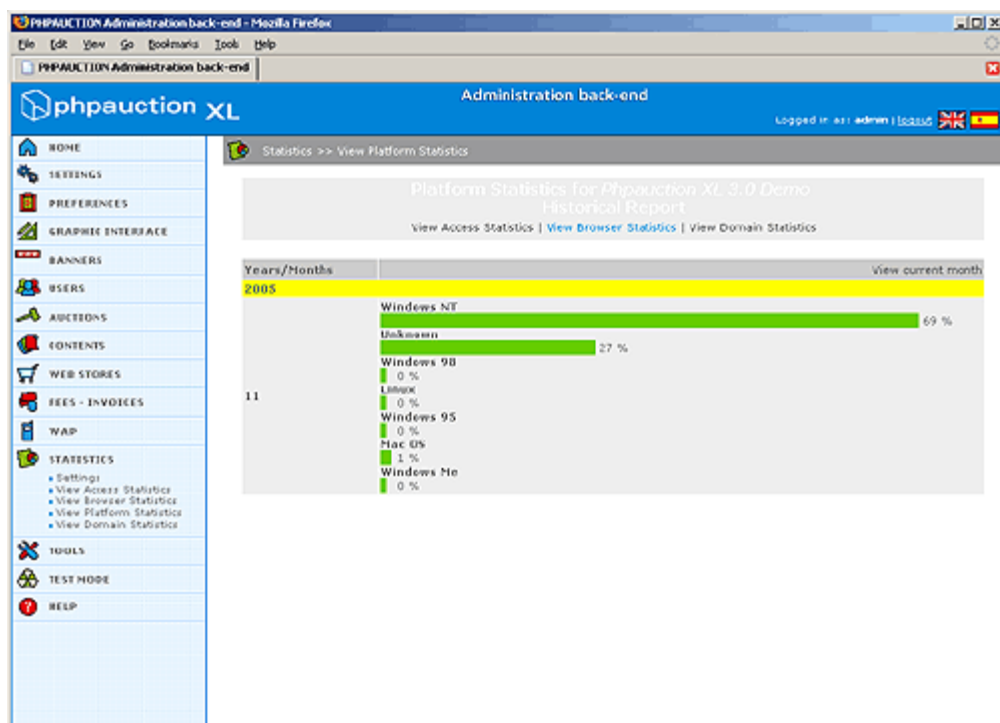
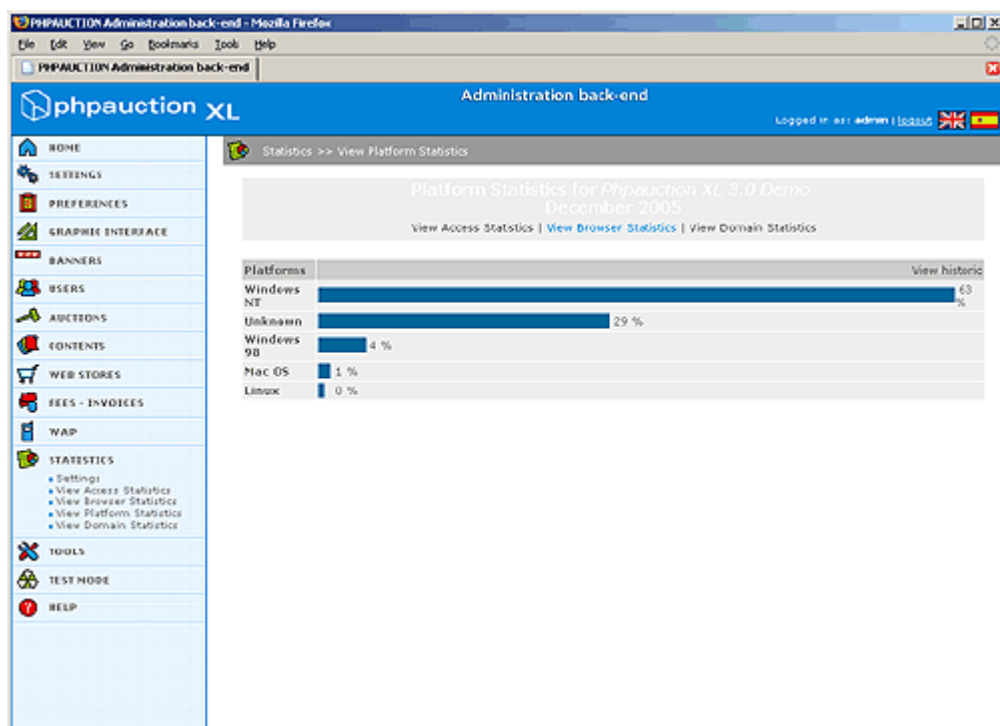
2.13.3 View browser statics

Displays the browser statics of the site, the browser used to access the site. It can be show by month or historic.



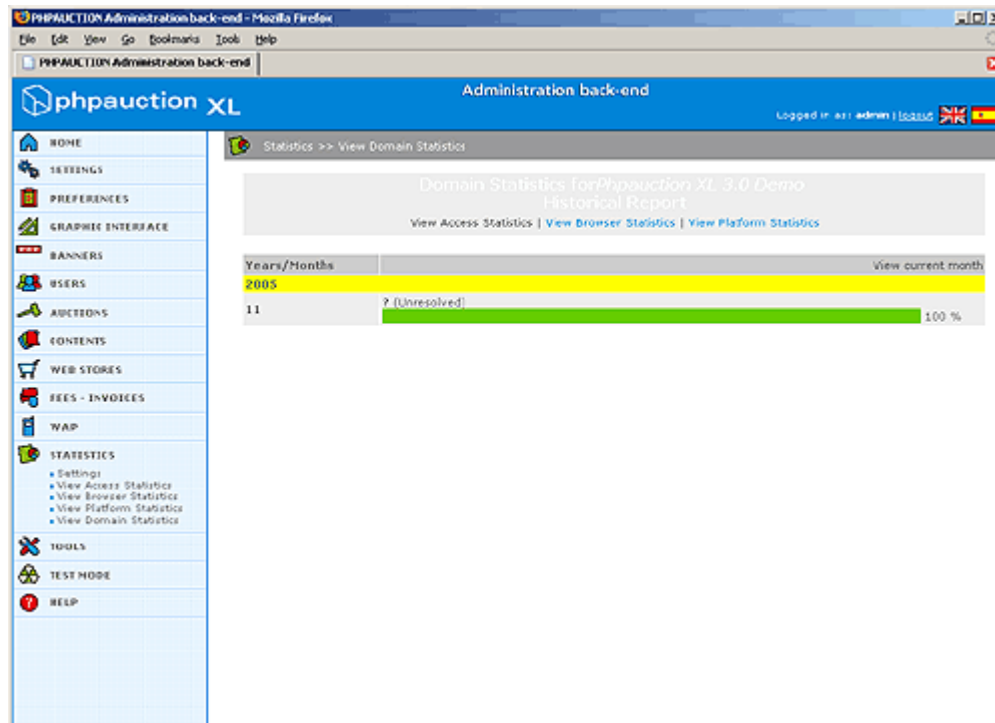
2.13.4 View platform statics

Displays the platform statics of the site, the platform used to access the site. It can be show by month or historic.



2.13.5 View domain statics

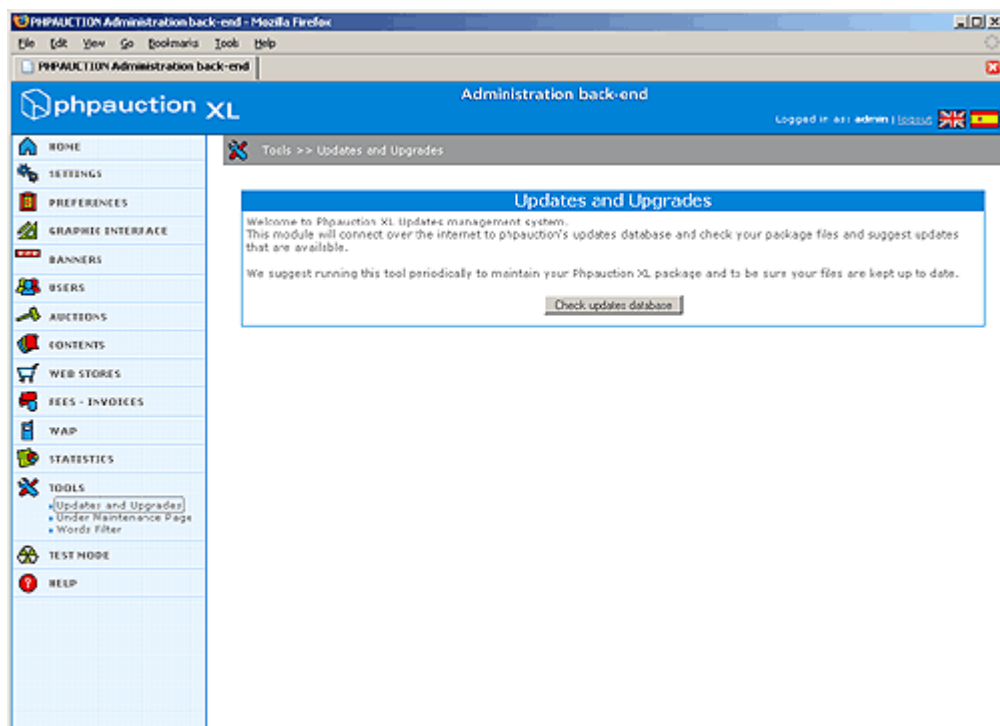
Displays the domain statics of the site, the domains used to access the site . It can be show by month or historic.



2.14 Tools

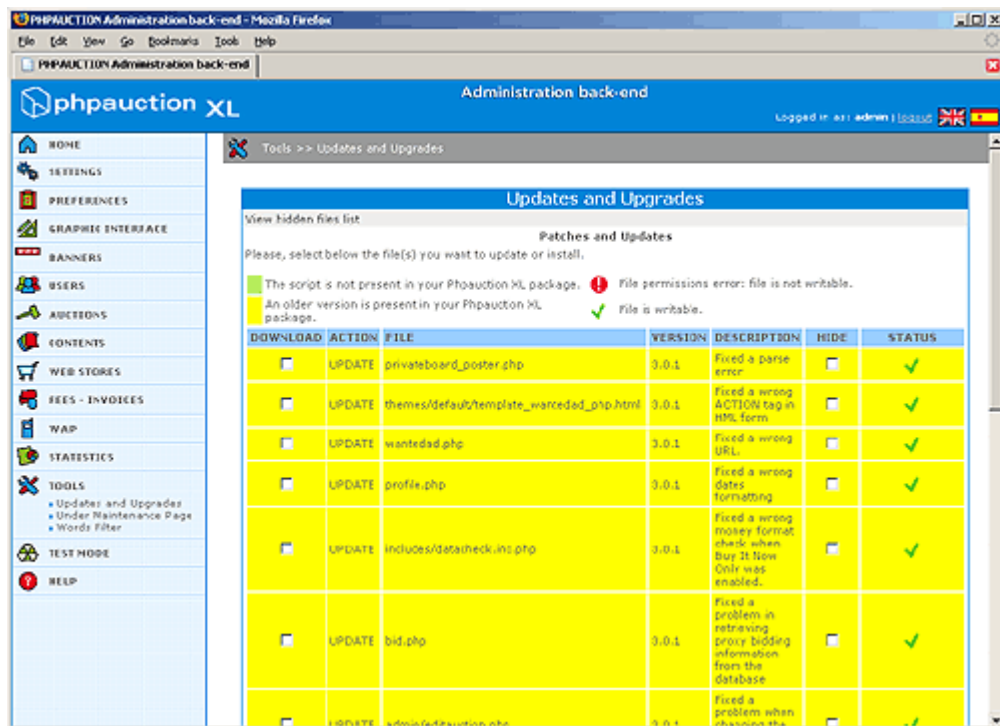
2.14.1 Updates and upgrades

This module will connect over the internet to phpAuction's updates database and check your package files and suggest updates that are available. We suggest running this tool periodically to maintain your phpAuction package and to be sure your files are kept up to date.



Note:

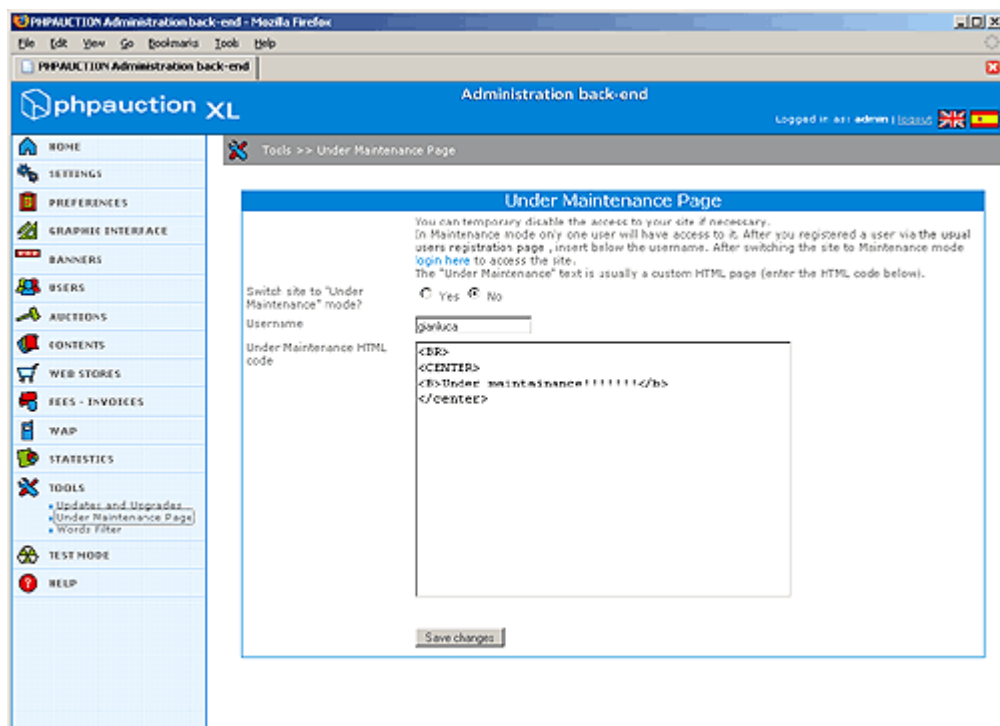
- You need to have written permissions in the files that need to be updated.
- Remember if you a customized auction site you must be very carefully when running this tool. This tool is based on default scripts and might overwrite some of your changes. We recommend to always have a list and back-up of the modified files.



2.14.2 Under maintenance page

You can temporary disable the access to your site if necessary. In Maintenance mode only one user will have access to it. After you registered a user via the usual users registration page, insert in this form the username you will allow to enter when its on maintenance mode. After switching the site to Maintenance mode login at: http://www.yourauctionsite.com/user_login.php to access the site.

While its Under maintenance mode a text will be displayed in the Home Page. The "Under Maintenance" text is usually a custom HTML page, you can modify it to your needs.

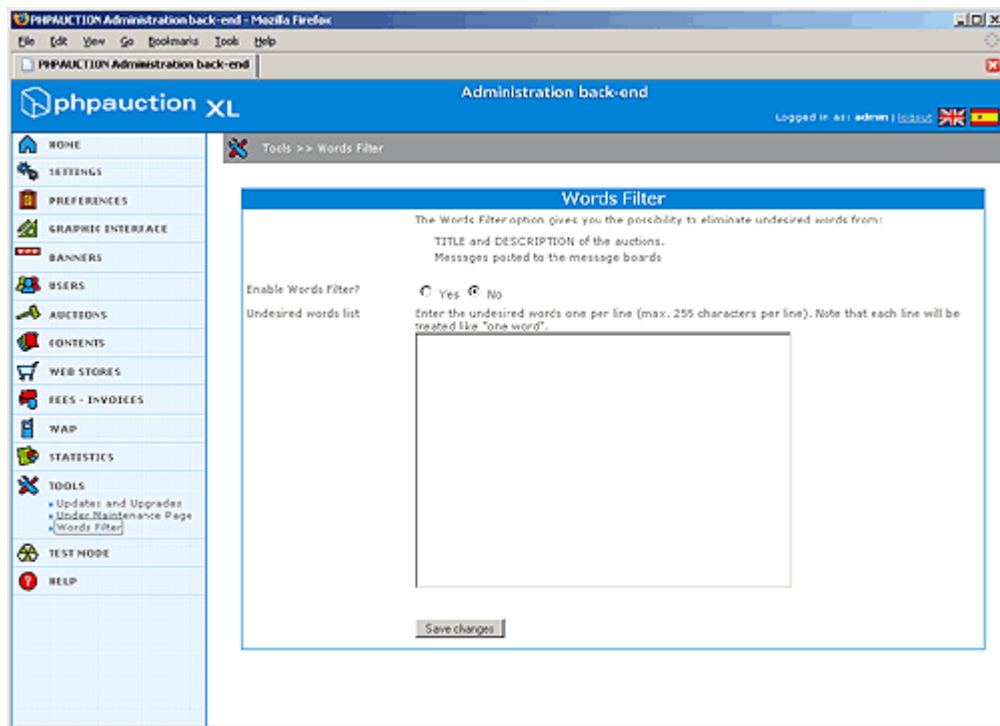


2.14.3 Words filter

The Words Filter option gives you the possibility to eliminate undesired words from:

- TITLE and DESCRIPTION of the auctions.
- Messages posted to the message boards

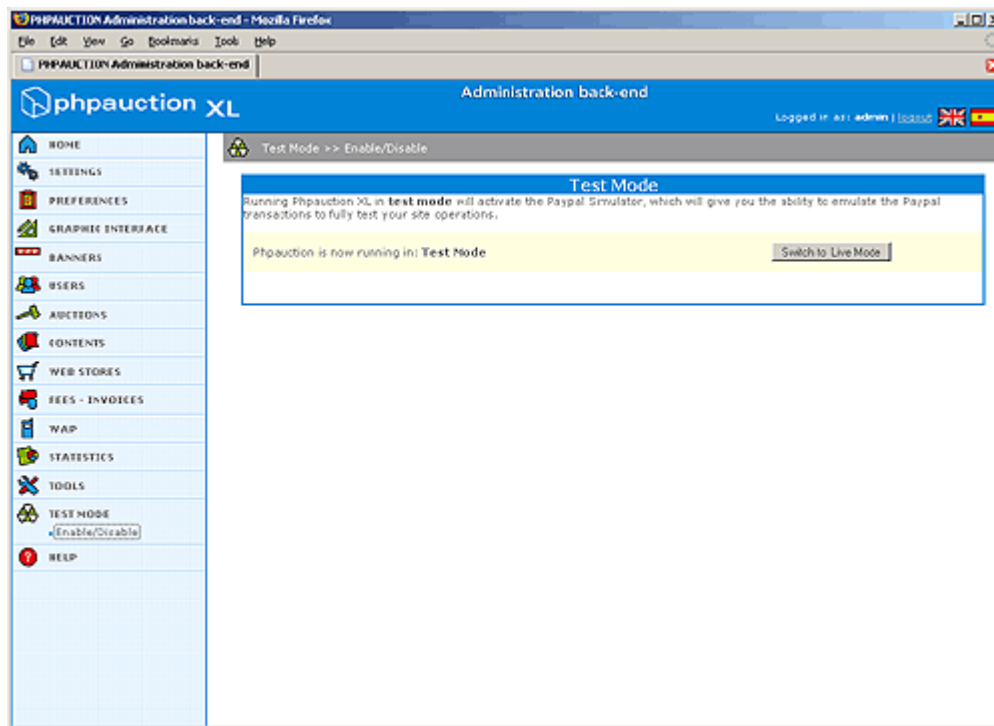
Enter the undesired words one per line (max. 255 characters per line). Each line will be treated like "one word".



2.15 Test mode

2.15.1 Enable/Disable

Running phpAuction XL in Test mode will activate the Paypal Simulator, which will give you the ability to emulate the Paypal transactions to fully test your site operations. This is recommendable for new clients while they are testing and getting use to the site and all its features.



2.16 Help

Link to the different Help options.

- **phpAuction User manual**, a link to this Manual.
- **FAQ's**, The phpAuction [FAQ's](#) section, please remember to always check first the FAQ's and the Manuals if you have a problem or a doubt, we update everyday this tools and documents to let our user have the answer immediately and avoiding answer waiting time. Also note that if your problem is answer in the FAQ's we will redirect you to it.
- **Help Desk**. Any phpAuction support problem must be made through the Help Desk, it is the fastest and better way to help you. We will receive a ticket submission with all your data, necessary to check your site and avoid e-mails requiring it. Also with this system we can track your tickets and give you faster answers. Please remember that question made directly to e-mails regarding support problems won't be answer and will ask you to use the Help Desk.

